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ABSTRACT

This directory provides information about 91 service learning initiatives taking place in Pennsylvania. It serves as a comprehensive guide to the individual programs put forth by each of the grantees. Introductory material includes tables showing the following: grant distribution by school district, year awarded, and type of grant; grants by region, county, and intermediate units; and region/county and intermediate unit maps. The 91 descriptions are arranged alphabetically by school district. Each contains these components: list of schools, program title, contact person with address and telephone number, description, and awards and accomplishments. A reference section contains lists of peer consultants, service learning related programs, state advisory committee representatives, and additional program grants as well as an annotated listing of sources of technical assistance that provides names, addresses, telephone numbers, and brief description of mission and activities. (YLB)

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1995-1996 PENNSYLVANIA SERVICE LEARNING DIRECTORY

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The Pennsylvania Service Learning Evaluation Network

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INTRODUCTION

The National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 established a Corporation for National and Community Service to enhance opportunities for national service and provide national service education awards. It also charged the Corporation to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service by providing program funds, training, and technical assistance to states and communities.

Learn and Serve America is a K-12 program that funds programs for school-aged youth. Pennsylvania received a $829,116 grant in 1994 and a $985,692 grant in 1995 for school-based programs to assist in meeting the Commonwealth's mission of making citizen service "the common expectation and experience for all Pennsylvanians."

Eighty-nine school districts submitted proposals in 1994. Seventy districts were awarded grants. Of the 70 grants awarded, 61 were mini-grants of $7,500 and nine were disseminator grants of $25,000. An additional 21 school districts were awarded mini-grants of $7,500 from the 93 districts applying for grants in 1995. A total of 91 grants will be monitored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In addition, PennSERVE will continue to maintain 13 community-based grants for the 1995-1996 school year.

Pennsylvania is alive with service learning. In the 1994-1995 school year, grantees provided service learning experiences to more than 30,000 students, K-12, while providing more than 700,000 hours of meaningful service to their communities. Currently, more than 200 projects that address educational, environmental, public safety, and human needs are being implemented. Objectives and outcomes for each of these projects are identified by the local school districts. In Pennsylvania, service learning is having a significant impact on communities and on the lives of all who are involved with it.

The Pennsylvania Service Learning Directory provides information about the service learning initiatives taking place in Pennsylvania. This directory serves as a comprehensive guide to the individual programs put forth by each of the grantees. Additionally, it provides a valuable reference section for ongoing support and technical assistance.

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Antietam School District	94-95	Mini
Bald Eagle Area School District	95-96	Mini
Benton Area School District	94-95	Mini
Bethlehem Area School District	94-95	Disseminator
Blairsville-Saltsburg School District	95-96	Mini
Bristol Township School District	94-95	Mini
Carbon County Area Vocational Technical School	94-95	Mini
Central Bucks School District/Holicong and Lenape	94-95	Mini
Central Bucks School District/Tamanend	94-95	Mini
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit/Building Trails	94-95	Mini
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit/Lead Detection	94-95	Mini
Chestnut Ridge School District	95-96	Mini
Coatesville Area School District	95-96	Mini
Columbia Borough School District/Lancaster Cty. Acad.	94-95	Mini
Conrad-Weiser Area School District	95-96	Mini
Corry Area School District	94-95	Mini
Council Rock School District	94-95	Mini
Derry Area School District	94-95	Mini
Downingtown Area School District/Service Salad	94-95	Mini
Downingtown Area School District/Salad Garden	94-95	Mini
East Lycoming School District	94-95	Mini
East Pennsboro Area School District	94-95	Mini
Elizabeth Forward School District	94-95	Disseminator
Erie City School District	94-95	Mini
Franklin County Area Vocational Technical School	95-96	Mini
Greene County Area Vocational Technical School	94-95	Mini
Greensburg Salem School District	94-95	Mini
Highlands School District	95-96	Mini
Hollidaysburg Area School District	94-95	Mini
Homer-Center School District	94-95	Mini
Juniata/Mifflin Area Vocational Technical School	95-96	Mini
Keystone Oaks School District	94-95	Disseminator
Kutztown Area School District	94-95	Mini
Lancaster School District/Buehrle Alternative School	95-96	Mini
Lower Merion School District	94-95	Mini
Midd-West School District	95-96	Mini
Millcreek Township School District	95-96	Mini
Montrose Area School District	94-95	Mini
Moshannon Valley School District	94-95	Mini
Mount Union Area School District	95-96	Mini
Mt. Lebanon School District	94-95	Mini
Nazareth Area School District	94-95	Mini
North East School District	94-95	Mini

School District	Year Awarded	Type Of Grant
Penn Manor School District	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Bartram	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Central	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Crossan	94-95	Disseminator
Philadelphia School District/Day	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Furness	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Gillespie	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Kensington	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Lincoln	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Penn-Bartram	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Pickett	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Regional	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Strawberry Mansion	95-96	Mini
Philadelphia School District/School Age Parents	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Taggart	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/University	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/Wanamaker	94-95	Mini
Philadelphia School District/West Philadelphia	94-95	Disseminator
Phoenixville Area School District	94-95	Mini
Pine Grove Area School District	94-95	Mini
Pittsburgh Public Schools/Carmalt	94-95	Mini
Pittsburgh Public Schools/Carrick	94-95	Disseminator
Quaker Valley School District	94-95	Mini
Radnor Township School District	94-95	Mini
Salisbury-Elk Lick School District	95-96	Mini
Schuylkill Haven Area School District	94-95	Mini
Scranton School District/East Scranton Intermediate	94-95	Disseminator
Scranton School District/West Scranton Intermediate	95-96	Mini
Slippery Rock Area School District	94-95	Mini
Smethport Area School District	95-96	Mini
Solanco School District	94-95	Mini
South Allegheny School District	94-95	Mini
Southeastern Greene School District/Mapletown	94-95	Mini
Southern Columbia Area School District	95-96	Mini
Southern Tioga School District	94-95	Mini
State College Area School District	94-95	Mini
Steel Valley School District	94-95	Disseminator
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Towanda Area School District	94-95	Mini
Upper Darby School District	95-96	Mini
Upper Merion Area School District	94-95	Mini
Washington School District	95-96	Mini
Wattsburg Area School District	94-95	Disseminator
Wilkes-Barre Area School District	94-95	Mini
Wilkinsburg School District	95-96	Mini
William Penn School District	95-96	Mini

GRANTS BY REGION

Central
Altoona ASD
Bald Eagle ASD
Benton ASD
Chestnut Ridge SD
C.S.I.U./Building Trails
C.S.I.U./Lead Dectection
East Lycoming SD
East Pennsboro ASD
Franlin County AVTS
Hollidaysburg ASD
Juniata/Mifflin AVTS
Mount Union ASD
Midd-West SD
Southern Columbia ASD
Southern Tioga SD
State College ASD
Towanda ASD

East
Abington SD
Antietam SD
Bethlehem ASD
Bristol Township SD
Carbon County AVTS
Central Bucks SD - H&L
Central Bucks SD - T
Coatesville ASD
Columbia BoroughASD -LCA
Conrad-Weiser ASD
Council Rock SD
Dowingtown ASD - Salad
Dowingtown ASD - Garden
Kutztown ASD
Lancaster SD - Buehrle
Lower Merion SD
Montrose ASD
Nazareth ASD
Penn Manor SD
Philadelphia SD/Bartram
Philadelphia SD/Central
Philadelphia SD/Crossan
Philadelphia SD/Day
Philadelphia SD/Furness
Philadelphia SD/Gillespie
Philadelphia SD/Kensington
Philadelphia SD/Lincoln
Philadelphia SD/PennBartram
Philadelphia SD/Pickett
Philadelphia SD/Regional
Philadelphia SD/School-Age
Philadelphia SD/Straw. Man.
Philadelphia SD/Taggart
Philadelphia SD/University
Philadelphia SD/Wanamaker
Philadelphia SD/West Phili.
Phoenixville ASD
Pine Grove ASD
Radnor Township SD
Scranton SD/East Intermediate
Scranton SD/West Intermediate
Schuylkill Haven SD
Solanco SD
Tamaqua ASD
Upper Darby SD
Upper Merion ASD
Wilkes-Barre ASD
William Penn SD

West
Blairsville-Saltsburg SD
Corry ASD
Derry ASD
Elizabeth Forward SD
Erie City SD
Greene County ATVS
Greensburg Salem SD
Highlands SD
Homer-Center SD
Keystone Oaks SD
Millcreek Township SD
Moshannon Valley SD
Mt. Lebanon SD
North East SD
Pittsburgh SD/Carmalt
Pittsburgh SD/Carrick
Quaker Valley SD
Salisbury-Elk Lick SD
Slippery Rock ASD
Smethport ASD
South Allegheny SD
Southeastern Greene SD/Mapletown
Steel Valley SD
Washington SD
Wattsburg ASD
Wilkinsburg SD

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Allegheny County
Elizabeth Forward SD
Highlands SD
Keystone Oaks SD
Mt. Lebanon SD
Pittsburgh SD/Carmalt
Pittsburgh SD/Carrick
Quaker Valley SD
South Allegheny SD
Steel Valley SD
Wilkinsburg SD

Bedford County
Chestnut Ridge SD

Berks County
Antietam SD
Conrad-Weiser ASD
Kutztown ASD

Blair County
Altoona ASD
Hollidaysburg ASD

Bradford County
Towanda ASD

Bucks County
Bristol Township SD
Central Bucks SD/H&L
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Council Rock SD

Butler County
Slippery Rock ASD

Carbon County
Carbon County AVTS

Centre County
Bald Eagle ASD
State College ASD

Chester County
Coatesville ASD
Dowingtown ASD/Salad
Dowingtown ASD/Garden
Phoenixville ASD

Clearfield County
Moshannon Valley SD

Columbia County
Benton ASD
Southern Columbia ASD

Cumberland County
East Pennsboro ASD

Deleware County
Radnor Township SD
Upper Darby SD
William Penn SD

Erie County
Corry ASD
Erie City SD
Millcreek ASD
North East SD
Wattsburg ASD

Franlin County
Franklin County AVTS

Greene County
Southeastern Greene SD
Greene County AVTS

Huntington County
Mount Union ASD

Indiana County
Blairsville-Saltsburg SD
Homer-Center SD

Lackawanna County
Scranton SD/East Intermed.
Scranton SD/West Intermed.

Lancaster County
Columbia Boro. SD/LCA
Lancaster SD/Buehrle
Penn Manor SD
Solonco SD

Luzerne County
Wilkes-Barre ASD

Lycoming County
East Lycoming SD

McKean County
Smethport ASD

Mifflin County
Juniata/Mifflin AVTS

Montgomery County
Abington SD
Lower Merion SD
Upper Merion ASD

Northhampton County
Bethlehem ASD
Nazareth ASD

Philadelphia County
Philadephia SD/Bartram
Philadephia SD/Central
Philadephia SD/Day
Philadephia SD/Furness
Philadephia SD/Gillespie
Philadephia SD/Kensington
Philadephia SD/Lincoln
Philadephia SD/Penn-Bartram
Philadephia SD/Pickett
Philadephia SD/Regional
Philadephia SD/Sch-Age Parents
Philadephia SD/Straw. Masion
Philadephia SD/Taggart
Philadephia SD/University City
Philadephia SD/Wanamaker
Philadephia SD/West Phila.

Schuylkill County
Pine Grove ASD
Schuylkill Haven ASD
Tamaqua ASD

Somerset County
Salisbury-Elk Salt Lick SD

Snyder County
Midd-West SD

Susquehanna County
Montrose ASD

Tioga County
Southern Tioga SD

Union County
CSIU/Building Tails
CSIU/Lead Detection

Washington County
Washington SD

Westmoreland County
Derry Area SD
Greensburg Salem SD

GRANTS BY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Intermediate Unit 1
Southeastern Greene SD
Greene County AVTS
Washington SD

Intermediate Unit 2
Pittsburgh SD/Carmalt
Pittsburgh SD/Carrick

Intermediate Unit 3
Elizabeth Forward SD
Highlands SD
Keystone Oaks SD
Mt. Lebanon SD
Quaker Valley SD
South Allegheny SD
Steel Valley SD
Wilkinsburg SD

Intermediate Unit 4
Slippery Rock ASD

Intermediate Unit 5
Corry ASD
Erie City SD
Millcreek Township SD
North East SD
Wattsburg ASD

Intermediate Unit 6

Intermediate Unit 7
Derry Area SD
Greensburg Salem SD

Intermediate Unit 8
Altoona ASD
Hollidaysburg ASD
Chestnut Ridge SD

Intermediate Unit 9
Smethport ASD

Intermediate Unit 10
Bald Eagle ASD
Moshannon Valley SD
Salisbury-Elk Salt Lick SD
State College ASD

Intermediate Unit 11
Mount Union ASD
Juniata/Mifflin AVTS

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Intermediate Unit 13
Columbia Boro. SD/Lanc. Acad.
Lancaster SD/Buehrle Altern.
Penn Manor SD
Solonco SD

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Antietam SD
Conrad Weiser ASD
Kutztown ASD

Intermediate Unit 15
East Pennsboro ASD

Intermediate Unit 16
Benton ASD
CSIU/Building Tails
CSIU/Lead Detection
Midd-West SD
Southern Columbia ASD

Intermediate Unit 17
East Lycoming SD
Towanda ASD
Southern Tioga SD

Intermediate Unit 18
Wilkes-Barre ASD

Intermediate Unit 19
Montrose ASD
Scranton SD/East. Intermed.
Scranton SD/West Intermed.

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Bethlehem ASD
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Bristol Township SD
Central Bucks SD/H&L
Central Bucks SD/T
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Upper Merion ASD

Intermediate Unit 24
Coatesville ASD
Downingtown ASD/Salad
Downingtown ASD/Garden
Phoenixville ASD

Intermediate Unit 25
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Upper Darby SD
William Penn SD

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Philadephia SD/Day
Philadephia SD/Furness
Philadephia SD/Gillespie
Philadephia SD/Kensington
Philadephia SD/Lincoln
Philadephia SD/Penn-Bartram
Philadephia SD/Pickett
Philadephia SD/Regional
Philadephia SD/Sch-Age Parents
Philadephia SD/Straw. Masion
Philadephia SD/Taggart
Philadephia SD/University City
Philadephia SD/Wanamaker
Philadephia SD/West Phila.

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Homer Center SD

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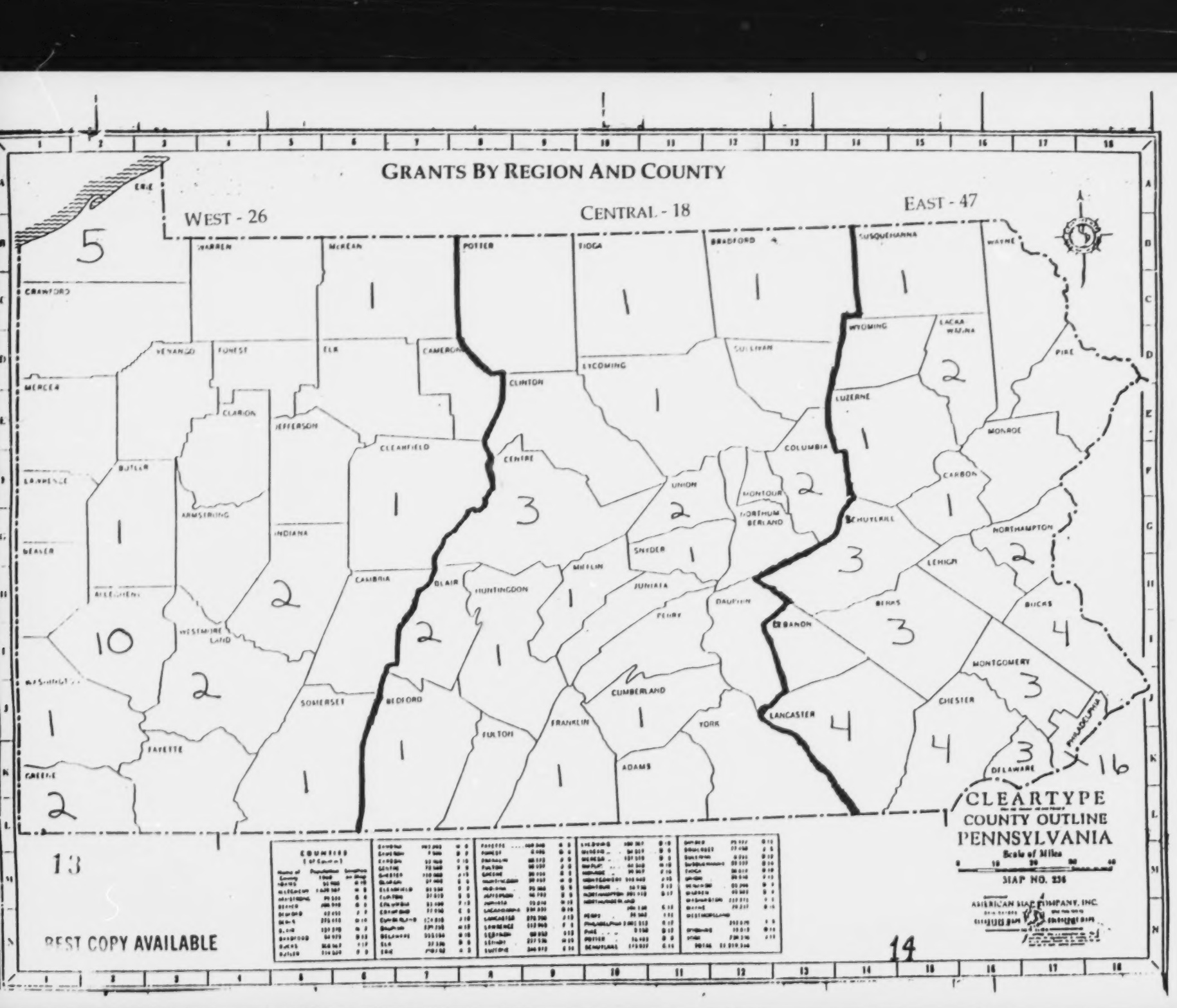
Schuylkill Haven ASD
Tamaqua ASD



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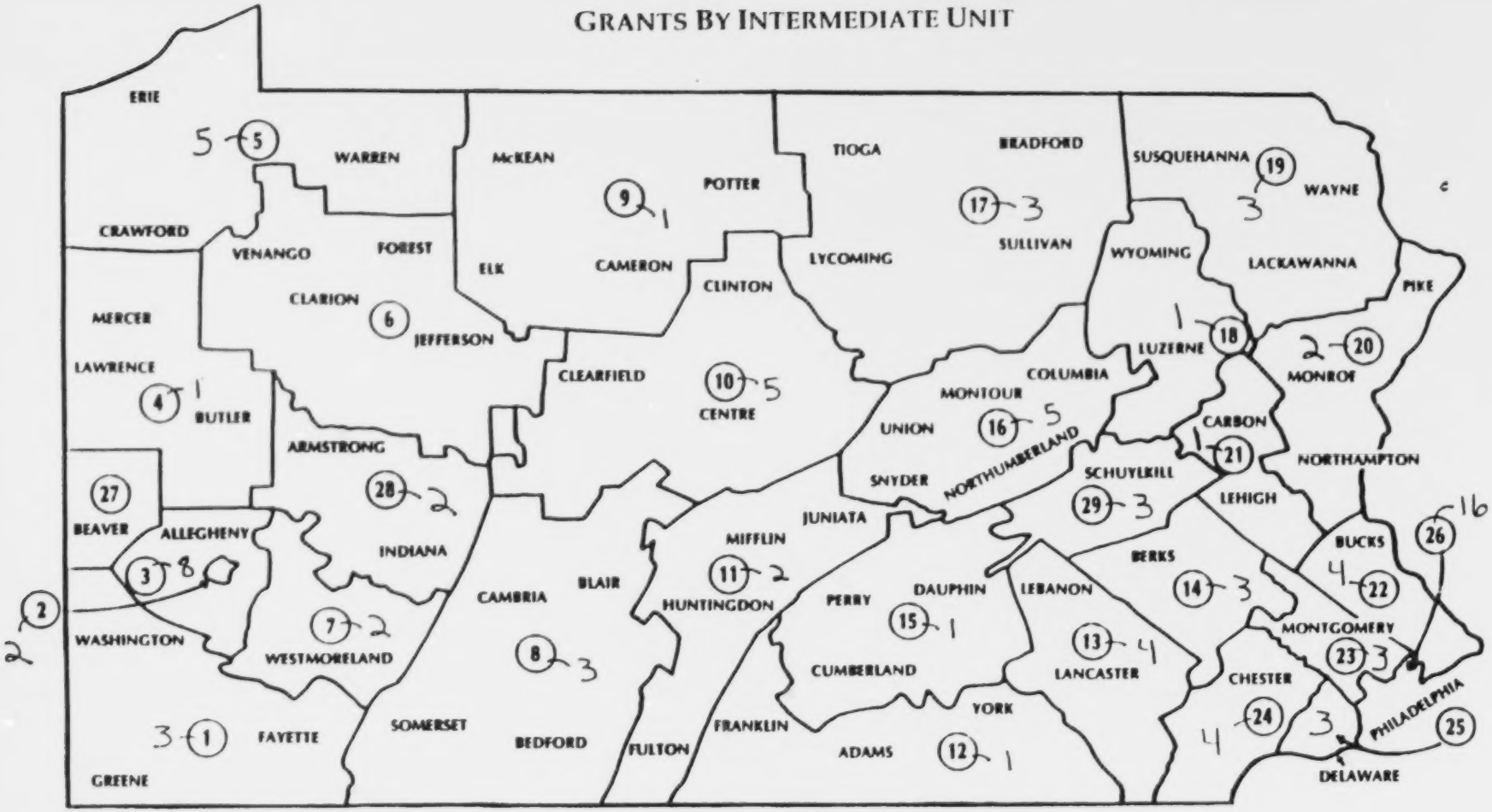

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10. Central
11. Tuscarora
12. Lincoln
13. Lancaster-Lebanon
14. Berks County
15. Capital Area
16. Central Susquehanna
17. Blast
18. Luzerne
19. Northeastern Educational
20. Colonial Northampton
21. Carbon Lehigh
22. Bucks County
23. Montgomery County
24. Chester County
25. Delaware County
26. Philadephia
27. Beaver Valley
28. Arin
29. Schuylkill

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ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Glenside-Weldon Elementary
Highland Elementary
McKinley Elementary
Overlook Elementary
Roslyn Elementary
Rydal-East Elementary
Rydal-West Elementary
Willow Hill Elementary
Abingtom Junior High School
Abington Senior High School

Program:

Service Learning Program

Contact:

JoAnn Maguire
Abington Senior High School
900 Highland Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Phone: 215-844-4770 ext. 407 **Fax:** 215-886-1871

Description:

The Abington School is embarking on a plan to bolster the service learning projects that presently exist in the elementary schools. A teacher in each of the elementary schools will be given an opportunity for in-service training, and will then be available to encourage and support his or her colleagues in initiating service-learning activities at all grade levels. The teacher will serve as a conduit to disseminate materials to his or her peers, and to record and highlight the projects with appropriate celebrations.

At the junior high, approximately forty members of the Builders Club will be able to expand their activities with Christ's Home, a non-profit home that provides shelter and structure for children and families in need. They will repeat the Holiday Show they put on last December, but they will now be able to branch out and plan sustaining activities such as clothing drives and toy collections.

At the high school level, Life Skill Support students, new to the building this year, are helped through a mentoring program with other secondary students so that adjustments to the high school, both in an academic and a social sense, will be facilitated. The Creative Studies program, an academic project, will be expanded to include students willing to serve in a variety of ways. The thrust of this year's program will be to foster the implementation of a peer tutoring program, and to start a pilot program in peer counseling. The many clubs in the school which include service or a component of their total program will be encouraged to expand upon their planning, reflection, and celebration of service-oriented activities. This will be encouraged through in-service activities for all sponsors of these clubs.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn And Serve America Planning Grant

ALTOONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Altoona High School

Program:
Service Learning Course

Contact:
David Aboud
Altoona High School
1415 Sixth Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602

Phone: 814-946-8254

Fax: 814-946-8275

Description:
Altoona High School presently has a seniors-only service learning course that permits students to leave the school during the school day to volunteer in the community. So far, thirty-three sites around the community are teamed with the high school service-learning course. A full-time coordinator has been assigned for the program.

The Altoona Area School District proposes to build upon its experience with the PennSERVE Program that was in operation from 1992-1994. Via the Learn and Serve America Program, we will expand the program that started with 28 seniors to a program that involves 140 seniors this year and all students by the year 2000.

The district is also moving to infuse Service Learning into the curriculum K-12 through the rewriting of course curriculums to include service learning elementary through high schools.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn And Serve America Grant
1992-1994 PennSERVE Mini-Grant

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Antietam Junior/Senior High School

Program:
Carsonia Lake Project

Contact:
Carlene Ettele **Phone:** 610-779-3545 **Fax:** 610-779-8460
Antietam Junior/Senior High School
100 Antietam Road
Reading, PA 19606

Description:
The purpose of Antietam Jr./Sr. High School's Learn and Serve America grant is to help improve a recreational facility surrounding a man-made lake which serves local citizens of all ages.

The Carsonia Lake project is in its second year and is based on the knowledge that the community and school, working together, enhance one an other. All members of the community, from kindergarten to senior citizens, have something valuable to contribute to the solution of the community's dilemma. The project stands on the strong belief that the younger the students are when they begin their involvement with community service, the more involved and responsible they will be as adult members of society.

Environmental projects include cleaning up the lake, constructing a walking path, planting trees, shrubs, and flowers, and improving playground by painting equipment and mulching. Educational projects include surveying local citizens, interviewing for local histories, and a producing a publication that focuses on the history of Carsonia Lake.

Partners in the project include the Berks County Conservancy, RE-MAX Realtors, Mount Penn Water Authority, Antietam Valley Recreation Community Center, PA Game Commission, Metropolitan Edison Company, J.W. Leinbach Hardware, Herb Dave Tree Service, Carsonia Park Steering Committee, George M. Meiser IX , a local historian, and the Tot Lot Committee.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1993-1994 PennSERVE Grant
Reading Eagle/Times Newspaper Articles
Recognition in PA Pride

BALD EAGLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Bald Eagle Area High School

Program:
Bald Eagle Area Service Leaders Club

Contact:
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Wingate, PA 16823

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Description:
The Bald Eagle Area School District is a recipient of a Learn and Serve America Grant for the 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 school years. In the first year, the program will be implemented by the BEA Service Leaders Club. The BEA Service Leaders Club consists of, but is not limited to, 60 eleventh and twelfth grade students who will provide community service throughout the school district and community.

Projects for the 1995-96 school year will include service learning orientation and in-service programs, combining the efforts of community and school organizations, planting trees around the school, peer tutoring projects, intergenerational interviews, a prom for senior citizens, a museum of the school's history, assisting the elementary schools, and special after-school programs for elementary and secondary school students.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

BENTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Appleman Elementary School Benton Junior/Senior High School

Programs:
Adopt-A-Tiger Program Park Beautification Program Chronological History

Contact:
Nancy Bogart **Phone:** 717-925-6525 **Fax:** 717-925-6973
Benton Junior/Senior High School
Park Street
RR2, Box 8
Benton, PA 17814

Description:
The commitment to service learning began at Benton Area Schools in 1994. The schools continue to undertake new programs each year, and the existing programs involve more students each semester. All aspects of the faculty were incorporated into the Service Learning Projects on the secondary level during the 1994-95 school year.

There are approximately 125 student from Benton Area Schools involved in service learning in all areas of the schools' curriculum. The Social Studies and English departments are involved in the chronological history, the Home Economics department is involved in the Intergenerational Nursing Home visits, the Vocational Agriculture and Industrial Arts classes are working in conjunction with the Enrichment Program for Park Beautification, and more than 60 high school students are involved in the Adopt-A-Tiger Program with an equal number of Elementary School students.

The schools' National Honor Society will be working at a county-wide "Free Christmas Dinner" this year, and will also collect food for the occasion.

Partners in our program include: Bonham Nursing Home, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, the Laubach Literacy Library, and the Loyal Order of the Moose.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant
Recognized in the Bloomsburg "Press Enterprise" Newspaper
Successful Student Partnership Grant
District-wide workshop for teachers and administrators

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Broughal Middle School
East Hills Middle School
Nitschmann Middle School
Northeast Middle School
Freedom High School
Liberty High School

Program:

Community Service Program

Contact:

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Liberty High School
1115 Linden Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

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Description:

Bethlehem Area School District is currently in its sixth year of required service for high school students. Sixty hours of approved service are mandated for .5 credit toward a high school diploma. An orientation in eight grade Philosophy courses at all middle schools help students understand the need for youth involvement and highlights ways that they can be seen as community resources. They receive student service handbooks detailing approved activities; develop practical skills such as decision making, effective communication, problem solving, and interview skills; and plan for service activities. Service sites are selected by students and activities are performed between the close of 8th grade and graduation. Students may develop an independent project of service if they desire. Students confer with their guidance counselor and maintain a double entry journal as methods of reflection related to their service.

Staff members in several curricular areas are exploring service learning ideas and activities to implement in the restructured high schools during the 1995-96 school year.

There is tremendous cooperation in the community with 128 service organizations and agencies participating with the school district to provide meaningful service activities for students.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant
1992-1993 PennSERVE Disseminator Grant
1992-1993 Pew Heinz Grant
Featured on ABC & NBC Evening News
Featured on AM Philadelphia

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Blairsville Elementary School

Program:
BE HAPPY (Blairsville Elementary Helping All People Participate - YES)

Contact:
Joe Emerick
Blairsville Elementary School
106 School Lane
Blairsville, PA 15717

Phone: 412-459-8883 **Fax:** 412-459-9209

Description:
The Blairsville Elementary Service Learning Program, BE HAPPY (Blairsville Elementary Helping All People Participate - YES) is designed to bring students and adults from two communities closer together through community involvement and service learning. The program s acronym was developed by its student panel, and with their input, the program hopes that everyone involved will Be Happy.

During the next three years, the K-5 students will collect, sort, and pack food for area food banks. The intermediate students will be responsible for tallying, keeping room totals, and visiting area food banks to help with distributions. As the school year progresses there will be after-school events where the admission fee is a canned good.

The program also plans to develop a school newsletter to be distributed to local agencies, to bring senior citizens into the school for student programs, and to give computer instruction, among other activities and services. Finally, the program hopes to pair students and seniors for clean-up projects in homes and such community sites as parks and playgrounds.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Roosevelt Middle School Neil Armstrong Middle School

Program:
Service Learning Project

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Levittown, PA 19057

Phone: 215-785-1177 **Fax:** 215-785-3228

Description:
Approximately 400 students from both middle schools participate in intergenerational human needs and environmental projects. Along with seniors from area Senior Centers, students raise money and collect items to prepare Christmas Food and Gift Boxes for needy community members.

Eighth grade students and senior citizens from the Bristol Senior Center will make bird nesting boxes and install them along trails at the Silver Lake Nature Center. Students will meet with the Educational Sponsor at SLNC for a lesson on birds, their habitats, identification, etc. The seniors will view slides to help them with bird identification. The students will make a return visit to check on boxes and follow up with an essay written for their English teacher on their feelings about the nature project. The seniors and students will have a get-together at the Senior Center for a reflection session on the project.

The students at FDR will be receiving a check at an assembly in December. It will be presented on behalf of Wheelabator, Fall, Inc. as a reward for the students surpassing their target of 2000 pounds of school paper for recycling. There will also be prizes presented to the winner of a poster contest dealing with the environment - recycling.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

CARBON COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Schools:

Serves the following School Districts:

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Lehighton Area School District
Palmerton Area School District
Panther Valley School District
Weatherly Area School District

Program:

Jim Thorpe Mausoleum Memorial Park Project

Contact:

Lyle Augustine
Carbon County Vo Tech School
150 West 13th Street
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Phone: 717-325-3058

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Description:

The Carbon County Area Vocational Technical School and the Jim Thorpe Borough have entered into a partnership to beautify and modernize the site of the grave and memorial of Jim Thorpe, Native American and great athlete. Approximately 120 students, grades 10-12, in the building construction trades, masonry, industrial electricity, and welding occupational training programs have been working on-site to complete the following tasks: install flag poles, pour concrete walkways, install area lighting, construct and install signage and sculpture. Students in the commercial arts shop have prepared a brochure which outlines the purpose, goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of this Learn and Serve America project. The social studies classes have researched not only the life and heritage of Jim Thorpe, but also the impact that this site as his final resting place has had on the county. The English classes have participated in writing to local, state, and federal agencies/representatives and several Native American tribes to acquire additional funding to complete all of the goals of this project. They have also contacted local and regional media (TV, radio, newspapers) to cover various stages as the project progresses.

So far, the project has served as a vehicle to achieve integration of vocational/technical occupational training with related academic subject material; provided opportunities for "hands on" experience in each student's occupational training program; allowed students to demonstrate "what they know and what they can do" through service to the community; instilled a sense of "ownership" and pride in the community and its history through each student's involvement in the project; taught citizenship, leadership, and the spirit of volunteering by involving students in solutions to community development needs; and created a link between the school and the communities/county.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Holicong Middle School Lenape Middle School

Program:
Holicong and Lenape Service Learning Initiative

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Description:
For the past four years, Holicong and Lenape Middle Schools have been involved in building and expanding their service learning activities in academic team-based programs in which each team selects an area of concern or a community-based agency that then becomes the focus of their service efforts for the school year.

Projects include refurbishing community park areas, a story and play hour at a shelter, intergenerational group activities at an adult day care facility, and the creation of community history books and promotional materials.

Through service learning we hope to foster cooperative learning, creative problem solving, utilization of academic skills in "real-life" situations, and self esteem.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 Volunteer Award from the Corporate Volunteer Council of the Delaware Valley
1992-1993 PennSERVE Grant
Recognition of Exemplary Service and Achievement by Central Bucks School District
Publication of Bucks County: A History of Communities in Bucks County

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Tamanend Middle School

Program:
Tamanend Service Learning Initiative

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Warrington, PA 18976

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Description:
Tamanend is a recipient of a Learn and Serve America Grant. The program has completed two years and is a combination of community service and service learning activities. The school has four interdisciplinary teams in the 7th and 8th grades who do service learning projects, and there are seven 9th grade teachers who incorporate service learning into their curriculum. Service has been infused into the curriculum in the following areas: Home Economics, Spanish, Math, Technology, Science, English, Reading/Writing, Art, Health, Music, and History. The program continues to encourage curriculum infusion and education of the faculty, staff, administration, and community.

Students have the opportunity to do extra curricular service to homeless, elderly, and orphaned citizens every week. The group conducts a Friday-morning service period in which a teacher and his/her group picks one service project to work on throughout the year. Tamanend also uses this time to work on other school-wide service projects.

Tamanend has a service club which meets once a week. Students provide service to ten local agencies ranging from preschool programs to senior citizen facilities.

There are also school-wide programs including a turkey drive, can drive, toiletry drive, senior citizen holiday party, and much more. There is strong support from the school administration and district administrators.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT#16

School:
Union-Synder Alternative Education Program

Program:
Building Trails: Mind Community and Habitat

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Lewisburg, PA 17837

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Description:
The goal of the program is to infuse service into the middle school curriculum in the Union-Snyder Alternative Education Program in a way that makes real connections between classroom study of various natural habitats, ecological balance, and wildlife preservation with actual physical land reclamation. The end result of the U/SAEP project will be an area of nature study for the students of Lewisburg School District, U/SAEP, and neighboring communities.

Expected outcomes of this project include direct educational benefits to the students involved in the environmental activities, a lasting partnership between local schools and the community, a foundation for future ecological study projects for Alternative Education and district students, and a community center for the study and conservation of nature.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1989-1991 PennSERVE Grant
Adopt-a-Highway Program
Job Shadow Program
Intergenerational Community Serve - Buffalo Valley Nursing Home
AmeriCorps Sponsor

CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT #16

Schools:

Serves seventeen school districts, located in the five different counties.

Columbia	Montour	Northumberland
Snyder	Union	

Program:

Project Child Lead Detection Program

Contact:

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CSIU#16
PO Box 213
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Phone: 717-523-1155 ext. 317 **Fax:** 717-524-7104

Description:

The program is a collaborative effort between the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit and the Pennsylvania Department of Health to educate Consumer and Family Science students in Child Development or Life Skills classes. Students in Child Development/Life Skills classes are taught the signs and symptoms of lead poisoning in children. This information is imparted by CSIU personnel and county public health nurses. Students are taught about the dangers of lead and lead poisoning, where they might find and test for lead in the home and surrounding areas, and are shown how to use test kits. They are asked to test places in three homes, targeting those homes with small children in residence or in care. Results of testing will be used to track areas of high incidence of lead poisoning and referrals will be made to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The students are then responsible for creating and implementing community awareness projects to disseminate this information. Each class will develop an awareness campaign in their communities through presentations to service organizations, hospital clinic clients, newspaper articles, and brochures, and by word of mouth. Service learning awards will include a certificate of successful completion for each student, and a teacher of the year "award for the teacher and class with the most creative, in-depth community dissemination program."

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

Gold medal awarded at the 1995 Future Homemakers of America (FHA) State Conference to a Danville Area School District student for a lead poisoning awareness presentation.

Presentation by Danville Area School District's Consumer and Family Science Life Skills Class on their lead program in the State Rotunda, Harrisburg.

Beth Mauk, Danville Area School District, was named the CSIU's 1995 Lead Poison Project "Teacher of the Year."

Learn and Serve Lead Program was presented to all Pennsylvania Department of Education's Pregnant and Parenting Teen Coordinators at their state meeting. Program was for replication with their pregnant and parenting teens.

CSIU Program scheduled for a presentation at the Consumer and Family Sciences' Annual State Meeting; April 1996, State College, PA

CHESTNUT RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Central Elementary School Chestnut Ridge Middle School Chestnut Ridge High School
New Paris Elementary School

Program:

Chestnut Ridge SERVE (Students Engaged in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences)

Contact:

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Chestnut Ridge Senior High School
RD1 Box 79A
New Paris, PA 15554

Description:

The primary goal of the Chestnut Ridge SERVE program is to develop and expand educational opportunities. The project will provide a variety of service learning opportunities which will meet the needs of the school district and the community alike. SERVE will integrate service components into the existing curriculum. For example, the district has operated a successful in-house community service learning program for six years; however, the current program has reached a plateau, and needs to advance to higher levels. The SERVE project will provide the missing key elements of service learning, and will strengthen the program's weaker points. The service component of the SERVE project is strong, but the elements of training, reflection, and celebration need to be improved. This grant will enable the district to meet these needs, and will transform a strong program into a true service learning project. The existing service learning program functions with a faculty advisor and two student directors. These students have direct input into the daily operation of the program.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve Planning Grant

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Carl Benner Elementary School

Program:
Service Learning Incubator Project

Contact:
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Carl Benner Elementary School
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Coatsville, PA 19320

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Description:
The Service Learning Incubator Project is a multi-faceted service learning project designed to spawn a Southeastern Pennsylvania Incubator school for service learning. Developed at an award-winning inner-city elementary school, this project forcefully and creatively charts new frontiers in service learning. Viewing service learning through the perspective of multiple intelligences, the Incubator Project puts student talent, giftedness, and knowledge into a meaningful community context. Project goals were developed to address each of the Eleven Standards for School-Based Service Learning as presented by the Alliance for Service Learning in Education.

The Incubator Project is composed of four separate but interrelated components: School-wide Service Learning through Multiple Intelligences, Service Learning Education, Service Learning Consortium, and Service Learning Micro-Grants. Student participation in the Incubator Project encourages and measures performance in achievement and responsible citizenship through student design and implementation of intelligence-based service learning projects. The project design has incorporated education and a consortium as priority components to ensure the necessary ingredients for the stimulation of regional service learning projects.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

COLUMBIA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Lancaster County Academy -- Serves students from:

Columbia Borough	Eastern Lancaster	Manheim Twp
Congestoga Valley	Hempfield	Penn Manor
Donegal	IU 13	Solanco
	Lancaster City	

Programs:

Service Learning Course (required for graduation)
LCA Stream Team

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Lancaster County Academy
144 Park City Center Mall
Lancaster, PA 17601

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Description:

The Lancaster County Academy (LCA) is a state-approved alternative high school designed to recover students who dropped out of the traditional educational environment in which their individual needs were not being met. LCA students are between the age of 16 and 21. The service learning component offers students the opportunity to engage in a worthwhile effort, return to the community, earn academic credit, and build self esteem.

The goals of the LCA's service learning program are (1) to effect institutional change by creating an alternative school environment that recognizes service learning as a viable curriculum component, (2) to provide opportunities for the student population to develop leadership skills and self-worth through active involvement in the design, planning, and implementation of service learning activities, and (3) to offer students experiential learning opportunities thorough creative learning activities.

There are a number of activities planned for the 1995-96 school year. The Stream Team will monitor several area streams that feed into the Chesapeake Bay and identify a stream segment for recovery next year. Members will participate in National Youth Service Day, and will recondition a Historic building in conjunction with the Elks Club. Individual student projects will serve adult day care facilities, preschool and elementary school reading classes, and provide translation services for MH/MR, libraries, hospitals, and retirement homes. The program involves over 45 local agencies and educational facilities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 Department of Education Environmental Protection Grant
1996 Exemplary School for Service Learning
Finalist, State Service Fair, 1995
National Youth Service Day Participant
Park Clean-up Project highlighted in WLYH, WGAL TV
Heinz Pew Grant, 1993

CONRAD-WEISER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Conrad-Weiser High School

Program:
Community Service Learning Program

Contact:
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Conrad Weiser High School
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Robesonia, PA 19551-8948

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Description:
Conrad Weiser Area High School has used the Learn and Serve America Grant to hire a community service coordinator to oversee two separate programs. Over fifty seniors are taking a service learning course where they spend over an hour either every day or every other day volunteering in a local organization or within the school system.

In the second program, all students presently in ninth grade and younger must complete twenty hours of community service before graduating. The coordinator has been establishing contacts with local non-profit organizations and establishing procedures to implement this requirement.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Columbus Elementary
Concord Elementary
Conelway Elementary
Spartansburg Elementary
Wright Elementary
Corry Area Jr. High
Corry Area High School

Program:

Service Learning Program

Contact:

Deirdre Baljo
Corry Area High School
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Corry, PA 16407

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Fax: 814-664-3650

Description:

The Corry Area School District focuses on curriculum-based Service Learning in grades K-12. Service Learning is used as a teaching and learning method in the existing curriculum. Students are a part of the program and are active in all aspects of Service Learning.

During the 1994-1995 school year, the program worked with over three dozen community agencies and businesses. Seventy-five percent of all students in the district participated in at least one of the 120 service learning projects completed during the year. Ninety-seven staff and faculty members also participated in the program.

When we, as a district, think of Service Learning , the following comes to mind:

> A great service learning program does not require large sums of money. We must first become aware of the needs, possess a compassionate heart, a desire for change, and then take time to act upon those needs. If we can then learn from our experiences, we will be enriched with something far more valuable than any expenses incurred.
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> B. Kirik

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Recipient of the 1994 Service Exemplary High School Award
Two students selected to serve on the State Service Learning Youth Advisory Board
Program Coordinator selected to serve as a Peer Consultant
Featured on the NBC Today Show with Willard Scott
Congressional Certificate of Merit (Phil English)
Hosted Service Learning "Out-Service" for I.U. 5

COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Chancellor/Goodnoe Elementary School
Churchville Elementary School
Hillcrest Elementary School
Holland Elementary School
Newton Elementary
Richboro Elementary School
Rolling Hills Elementary School
Sol Feinstone Elementary School
Wrightstown Elementary School
Council Rock J.H. S. - Holland
Council Rock J.H. S. - Newton
Council Rock J.H. S. - Richboro
Council Rock S.H.S

Programs:

Mini LINCS
Junior LINCS
Senior LINCS

Contact:

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Administration Building
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Richboro, PA 18954

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Description:

The Council Rock School District L.I.N.C.S. program (Learning in Neighborhood Community Service) encourages individual students to volunteer in the community.

At the senior high level, 60 hours or more of service are recorded and recognized. These hours of service are performed outside of the school day. At graduation, students receive acknowledgment on their diploma and become eligible for scholarships.

At the junior high level, all 8th grade students carry out 4 hours of service that are integrated into their social studies classes. Seventh and 8th graders also do service as members of service clubs.

At the elementary level, students work on class projects such as cross-age tutoring and intergenerational activities which serve the community.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
A LINCS video has been produced.

DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Derry Area High School

Program:
Community Citizens Corps (C.C.C.)

Contact:
Pamela D. Delaney
Derry Area High School
RR # 1 Box 169
Derry, PA 15627

Phone: 412-694-2780

Fax: 412-694-8546

Description:
Derry Area High School has created a Community Citizens Corps (C.C.C.) for students in grades nine through twelve. This after-school activity combines "at-risk" students with successful students who work together to provide community services to members of the Derry community and agencies serving that community. Activities include, but are not limited to: garden spading projects; a Fall leaf-raking program; litter pick-up days; community computer night, where students teach adults how to use computers; D.E.R.-sponsored wetland projects; creating a community compost garden; a bluebird habitat reclamation project; visitation/activity projects with skilled nursing facility residents; provision of services to residents of homeless shelters; veteran appreciation activities/memorial projects; relocation and renovation of a one-room school house on the school's campus to be used as a service learning lab and museum.

So far, over 13,944 hours of service have accrued, $4,000 dollars have been raised to restore the Atlantic One-Room School House, 60 bluebird houses have been built, and 50 miles of roads have been cleaned up.

The organizations and agencies served are the Atlantic One-Room Schoolhouse, Community Compost Park, Department of Environmental Resources, Derry American Legion, Derry Elementary Schools, Derry Little League, Derry Soccer League, Derry Township, Loyalhanna Care Center, Union Mission Shelter, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1992-1993 and 1993-1994 PennSERVE Grants
Won WAMO Music and People Community Effort Ward
Relocated and renovated a one-room schoolhouse

DOWNINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

East Ward Elementary School
Uwchlan Hills Elementary School
Downington Senior High School

Program:

Service Salad

Contact:

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East Ward Elementary School
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Downington, PA 19335

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Fax: 610-269-2656

Description:

The program coordinates a number of projects. It has intergenerational programs with area senior centers, nursing homes, and RSVP. It conducts a large-scale worm composting of cafeteria waste and donates used bikes for developing nations. The program organizes the Old East Ward School oral history project, develops classroom relationships with Chester County Head Start, and has a storytelling club that serves area nursing homes, shelters, and child care centers. It conducts a third world craft sale in cooperation with the Mennonite Central Committee and coordinates a latchkey care/nursery school service learning lab feasibility study.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provider of a university-credit service learning training program in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Writing Project.
Convening district for "Chester County Learn and Serve," an independent, tax-exempt consortium of schools and community organizations united to promote, fund, and provide training for service learning in Chester County, Pennsylvania.
Presenter at regional, state, and national conferences.
Media coverage in Biocycle Magazine, Dirt Rag, Philadelphia Inquirer, WGAL-TV, Chester County Daily Local, Pottstown Mercury, and other newspapers.
Grants and awards from the PA Department of Labor and Industry, the PA Department of Education, Stewart Huston Charitable Trust, the Morris and Ruth Williams Foundation, Phoebus Fund, Kellogg Foundation, and Core State Bank.

DOWNINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

East Ward Elementary School
Bradford Heights Elementary School
Downington Senior High School

Program:

Salad Garden

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East Ward Elementary School
435 Washington Avenue
Downington, PA 19335

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Fax: 610-269-2656

Description:

Salad Garden is a "micro-grant fund" that seeds new service learning projects in Downington and neighboring districts and supports other efforts to promote service learning in the region.

The Salad Garden fund has launched new elementary and secondary service learning projects; provided matching funds for proposals to agencies and foundations; provided training for teachers in service learning, grant writing, and fundraising; and supported the development of a county-wide service learning consortium for collaborative programming and fundraising among Chester county school districts, agencies, and community organizations.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provider of a university-credit service learning training program in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Writing Project.
Convening district for "Chester County Learn and Serve," an independent, tax-exempt consortium of schools and community organizations united to promote, fund, and provide training for service learning in Chester County, Pennsylvania.
Presenter at regional, state, and national conferences.
Media coverage in Biocycle Magazine, Dirt Rag, Philadelphia Inquirer, WGAL-TV, Chester County Daily Local, Pottstown Mercury, and other newspapers.
Grants and awards from the PA Department of Labor and Industry, the PA Department of Education, Stewart Huston Charitable Trust, the Morris and Ruth Williams Foundation, Phoebus Fund, Kellogg Foundation, and Core State Bank.

EAST LYCOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

John Ashcar Elementary
Carl Renn Elementary
George Ferrell Elementary
Hughesville Junior Senior High

Program:

Service Learning Program

Contact:

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Hughesville High School
349 Cemetery Street
Hughesville, PA 17737

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Description:

The East Lycoming School District is in its second year of the grant cycle. Its projects include strong environmental service, a butterfly garden, a nature trail, district-wide recycling of paper and aluminum, an Eighth Grade Earth Flag, an Adopt-A-Highway program, and stream testing.

The program's senior high students visit elderly shut-ins and elementary-age students; perform chores for community residents as needed; run Bloodmobile drives, book drives, and clothing drives; participate in fund-raisers for veterans groups, a children's wing of a nearby hospital, and Special Olympics; collaborate with a private school and local liberal arts college to raise money and awareness for an international hunger relief agency; participate in Habitat for Humanity; and visit a senior center to assist with projects on-site.

The program is actively involved in strategic planning to include service learning as a valuable component of the Goals 2000 curriculum.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

EAST PENNSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

East Pennsboro Elementary School
West Creek Hills Elementary School
East Pennsboro Area Middle School
East Pennsboro Area High School

Programs:

Community Service Learning Program
Intergenerational Public Safety Program

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Description:

Community concern for child safety was the motivation for our intergenerational public safety program. This program unites high school students with community people and resources to organize and implement Project Kid Care (used to identify missing and abducted children), provide instruction in self-protection skills, and teach elementary school children safe behavior when walking to and from school.

A Community Service Learning course elective is now part of the high school curriculum. Through class projects and independent activities, student productions, elementary Playground Pals, special Olympics, the office receptionist program, and government internships assessing local government officials, and service to senior citizens, the public library, the civic association, and our charitable fund--raising partnership with Pennsylvania Blue Shield's services has been integrated into the schools'curricula. Students can earn credit towards graduation by enrolling in the course or by doing independent work of their own choosing such as volunteering at local hospitals, libraries, food banks shelters, etc. Our interdisciplinary approach to service learning enables students to fulfill requirements in English, Business, American Government, Family Living, Child Development, and Public Speaking courses through community service activities.

Our 57-member business Advisory council is actively involved in our community service learning program. Our business and community partners provide us with guidance, mentors to work with the students, and opportunities to participate in the service activities already underway in the community.

Our school district believes that students who are actively engaged in service to their school and community develop skills such as leadership, teamwork, consensus building, and cooperation that will help them succeed as citizens and employees while making East Pennsboro a better place to live, learn ,and work.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1992 Pew Heinz Partnership Grant
Feature stories carried by three local newspapers, four TV stations, and three radio stations.
Through Project Kid Care, high school students fingerprinted, photographed, and videotaped more than 1,200 elementary and preschool students in the community.

ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Elizabeth Forward High School

Programs:

Service Learning Workshop	Leadership 101 Workshop	LEAD/Maps (Leaders
ACE - Adolescent Community	Communicare	Entering Adolescent
Enrichment	Peer Meditation	Dynamics)

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Description:

Elizabeth Forward is entering its 4th year of district-wide community service and leadership activities. A Service Learning Workshop is offered to student in grades 10-12 for .50 elective credits. The other programs are non-credit, but involve many students. Students provide services to 32 local agencies ranging from preschool to senior citizen intergenerational activities. A major project for the community is the annual Senior Citizen Prom, which is student generated and led, and includes community members on the planning committee. Students involved in community service projects attend after-school leadership workshops conducted by the coordinator and community members. Workshops focus on project planning, improving communication and meeting skills, and understanding the concepts of team building, brainstorming, and honing organization and public relations skills. Leadership activities are an integral part of the workshops. All activities include training, service, and reflection activities.

During a year of student volunteer efforts, students tutor children weekly in four elementary schools and the middle school, initiate a new art appreciation program for district students called "ArtAffects," and ACE students serve on local community boards. The students coordinate a Senior Citizen Prom, conduct intergenerational discussion groups at a local health care center, clean up and plant greenery around the school and community, and coordinate and implement paper and can recycling. They also organize district-wide food drives, conduct fund raisers for teenage cancer patients, participate in a middle school mentoring program with at-risk students, and organize weekly peer training and sessions in mediation.

The Service Learning Program combines academic work in many areas of the curriculum with service and social action. Students learn by doing, and by applying their knowledge and skills to meet the needs of the school and community. The program also connects the school to the community and acts as a powerful teaching tool. It shows students that they can take ownership of their school and community with successful results that make a vital difference in the richness of the world in which they live.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant, Shop'N Save 1993-94 Service Scholarship, Greater Food Bank 1994-95 Creativity and Service Award, PTA/PTSA Council 1994-95 Service Scholarship Awards, Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America 1994-95 Scouting for Food Award, Mon Valley Education Consortium Great Idea Grants for 1994-95, Rotary Club Service Appreciation Award & Scholarships 1993-95, Certificate of Competency - Pittsburgh Meditation Center 1992-95, Adopt-A-Leader Program 1993-95

ERIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Harding Elementary Middle School
Roosevelt Middle School
Wayne Middle School
Wilson Middle School
Central High School
East High School
Strong Vincent High School

Program:

Mentoring in the Elementary Schools

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Description:

Juniors and seniors at Central High School go through an extensive selection and training program to prepare them to work in four of the elementary schools in the district tutoring at-risk students. Although intended as a one-on-one program, there are at times so many elementary children wishing to take advantage of mentoring help that the mentors work with small groups. The benefits and rewards are reciprocal - self-esteem is increased for both the mentors and the "mentees," the younger children develop a rapport with and admiration for their "big kid," and the high school students learn self-confidence while developing their leadership skills in presenting themselves well to their students and the adults they meet in the school community.

The mentors keep a weekly journal of their mentoring and meet twice monthly as a group to reflect on their experiences. At the end of the year, evaluations are completed by all students and also by the in-charge teacher in each of the schools that the program serves, and a pizza party is held for the mentors and "mentees" where all are fed and receive a Learn and Serve t-shirt.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Mentoring program recognized as former President Bush's 469th "Point of Light"

FRANKLIN COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Schools:

Serves the following school districts:

Chambersburg Area	Tuscarora
Fannett-Metal	Shippensburg
Greencastle-Antrum	Waynesboro Area

Program:

America's New Professionals Developing Pride in Franklin County

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Description:

The aim of the program is to give vocational students the opportunity to use the knowledge they have gained in their vocational career area. Students participate in career awareness programs such as road show, business/industry talks and tours, and ninth grade tours.

The program also encourages agriculture students (landscaping and horticulture) to use their skills to beautify and maintain a public area in downtown Chambersburg and the vo-tech campus.

And finally, America's New Professionals Developing Pride in Franklin County gives students the opportunity to provide services to elderly, special needs, and low-income individuals.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994 -1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1991 Vocations Industrial Clubs of America -- Outstanding Chapter

GREENE COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Schools:
Serves the following school districts:

Carmichaels Area	Jefferson-Morgan	West Greene
Central Greene	Southeastern Greene	

Program:
Learn and Serve

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Description:
Greene County Vo Tech's Learn and Serve program integrates a variety of resources for community and economic development within the vocational programs. They are also continuing to develop system of service throughout Greene County in collaboration with community agencies.

There are a variety of projects planned for the 1995-96 school year. So far, Cosmetology and Culinary Arts students provided makeovers and a nutritious lunch for participants of Super Cupboard, a nutrition education and life skills program. Cosmetology students also provided makeovers for "Look Good, Feel Better" an American Cancer Society and Greene County Memorial Hospital program for women receiving chemotherapy treatments. Health Assistant students have "adopted a grandparent" at the Franklin Care Center, and visit the center twice a month.

Child Care students will volunteer once a month at a local day care center. They will also provide clowning activities, instruction on butterflies, read stories, and put on puppet plays. Auto body students will refurbish the medical rescue dive boat, and the Automated Accounting Department plans to get involved by assisting retail stores during the holiday season.

Finally, middle school learning support students will visit the Cosmetology program to learn about skin, nail, and hair care and receive either a facial or manicure.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Cosmetology Program and instructor recognized by American Cancer Society for participation in "Look Good, Feel Better", October 1995.
Cosmetology and Culinary Arts Programs recognized for providing maker-overs and nutrition meals for Super Cupboard participants. Photo/article in Observer Reporter, November 1995. Electrical Occupation Program recognized By Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce for preparing and hanging Christmas lights in Town Square. Article/photo in Green County Messenger, December, 1995.

GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Greensburg Salem Middle School Seton Hill College Clelian School for Exceptional Students

Program:
YES- You're Extra Special

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Description:
The goal of the YES! Community Service program is to expand partnerships that are improving student academic performance and attitudes about self and school. Middle school students are mentored in community service by Seton Hill College students enrolled in a credit course requiring community service. Students learn philosophies, goals, and objectives of community service, and learn to assess community needs. Community specialists teach participants the characteristics of physically and developmentally handicapped people. Students also learn strategies for involving handicapped people in community activities. Middle school and college students reflect on weekly activities separately, and on occasion with their handicapped team members. Student representatives sit on the Advisory Board to help plan and evaluate all activities.

In the YES! program, middle school students and their Seton Hill College mentor form small teams with handicapped young adults in the Clelian Heights School for Exception Children. Together, they participate in wellness and independent living activities. The groups have participated in team-building games, bowling, swimming, and dances.

Greensburg Salem Middle School faculty support the program by providing workshops in cooking, puppetry, and computers for all participants. The goal of these workshops is to provide experience in independent living skills for young adults with a variety of handicaps.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Fairmount Elementary School
Fawn Elementary School
Grandview Elementary School
Natrona Heights Elementary School
Highlands Middle School
Highlands High School

Program:

Service Learning Program

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Description:

The goal of the Highlands School District's Service Learning Program is to present every student in grades K-12 with the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge and improve their community by participating in at least one service learning project for each year of their education.

The district is concentrating on educating as many teachers as possible in service learning during this first year with the Learn and Serve America Grant. By the end of the 1995-96 school year, over 50 teachers will have a good understanding of service learning and how to develop curricular projects. It is also important that students receive training with service learning, and that has also begun.

In addition to training staff and students, the district is forming partnerships with local organizations that will allow students to serve the community. Currently, over ten organizations representing foodbanks, shelters, nursing homes, service organizations, libraries, and senior citizens collaborate with the schools.

The final goal of our first year with the grant is to involve as many students as possible with curriculum-based projects. Students taking Foods II are currently baking for the Meals-on-Wheels on a regular basis, 9th grade English classes exchange letters with senior citizens in a local nursing home, Home Economics students collected, cleaned and distributed over 550 winter coats to local charities, and Child Development students volunteer as classroom aides in the district's elementary schools. The entire district, along with dozens of local businesses, will be participating in the 24 Hour Relay Challenge in May to raise funds for local charities. Much of the work for this undertaking, such as publicity, health tips, art, and food will be approached through curriculum in classes.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School

Program:
Learning Through Service (LTS)

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Description:
In cooperation with the Duncansville Kiwanis Club, Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School continues to receive Learn and Serve America Grant funds to assist in the development of the Learning Through Service (LTS) program. LTS was designed to make high school students more aware of the needs of the community and to work directly with community agencies in addressing these needs. One of the best features of LTS is that students can feel better about themselves by helping others. The LTS Program is currently in its fourth year of providing students in grades 10 through 12 with the opportunity to perform service for academic credit. Academic credit is awarded based on the number of hours a student volunteers during the school year. In addition to his or her individual volunteer work, a student is required to have at least six hours of educational training, keep proper documentation of service hours, attend reflection sessions, and undergo formal evaluations. This year more than 70 students are involved in the LTS Program.

The LTS Program includes the integration of service learning into several classes. Over four hundred students in Sociology & Psychology classes are given the opportunity to work one-on-one with mentally challenged students or first grade students in the school district. These students provide tutoring and other activities specifically designed to foster sensitivity to the needs of others. Also, students in the college-bound Biology II class are given the opportunity to complete service learning activities as an alternative to a research project. Last year, Algebra and Horticulture classes worked together to refurbish a local cemetery. In addition, the Horticulture class is currently planning to construct a nature center at one of the elementary schools.

The program's focus this year continues to be in two areas. It's first is to increase the number of classes in which service learning activities or projects are integrated into the curriculum. The following classes have already taken an active role in helping to achieve this objective: Horticulture, French, Latin, German, Computer, Desktop Publishing, and Algebra. The second aim is to disseminate service learning ideas throughout the district and to develop a structured learning program in at least one more district building.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant; Recognized in Service Learning newsletter; Featured in *Altoona Mirror* newspaper articles; Local cemetery project featured on WTAJ-TV; Workshops for administrators, teachers, and students; Partnerships with Hoss' Steak & Sea House, Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, and Duncansville Kiwanis Club.

HOMER-CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Homer-Center High School

Programs:
Advantages of Generations Exchanging Services (AGES)
Going the Extra Mile through Service (GEMS)

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Description:
Since 1990, Homer-Center School District has demonstrated a commitment to service learning. From 1990-93, the district received a PennSERVE grant to initiate intergenerational activities. Advantages of Generations Exchanging Services (AGES) is a community service learning project developed to promote an understanding of the interdependence of all age groups. Activities are conducted in partnership with local community agencies. The goal of the AGES project is to promote education about, for, and with older adults. Student participants will gain an appreciation of age-related issues, provide needed services for older citizens, and work with community organizations on civic issues of mutual concern.

Students who are dedicated to service are called GEMS (Going the Extra Mile through Service). There are at this time 130 students involved in the GEMS program. They conduct nursing home and shut-in visits, participate in a pre-school program where high school students and senior citizens interact with pre-school children, and participate in Tutoring Across the Grades, where high school students act as instructional assistants for classroom teachers. GEMS also participate in Circle of Friends, where students assist students with special needs in, for instance, life skills activities. They learn archival methods in mounting and framing class photographs with the STAR program and research and interview members of the community to develop a "Trail of History" brochure for designated sites in the area for the Local History Profile program.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1990-1993 PennSERVE Grant

JUNIATA/MIFFLIN AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Schools:
Serves the following School Districts:

Juniata County

Mifflin County

Program:
Community and Students Together (CAST)

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Description:
The students, faculty, and administration of the Juniata/Mifflin Area Vocational Technical School plan to coordinate service learning projects through a comprehensive, well-designed Learn and Serve America Program. Beginning with twenty-five students enrolled in the agriculture program and expanding to at least one hundred students in various vocational programs over the course of the three year project, the program plans to renovate, restore, and revitalize local public areas deemed as priorities by the county commissioners.

Students will be involved in all phases of the program: selecting, researching, planning, designing, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating. Vocational teachers will integrate instruction and community service activities to promote effective learning. Projects will be completed during summer months or during the school year. A documentary video will be produced by the students to maintain a record of project progress and achievement.

This project meets federal priorities, public safety regulations, and human needs. It also addresses the environment state priority. The Learn and Serve America Program will meet several school strategic planning initiatives, such as School-To-Work, curriculum integration, competency (outcome) achievement, and local partnership development.

The program's three-year goal is to develop a well planned, well executed, curriculum integrated, school-wide Learn and Serve America Program available to every student enrolled at the Juniata/Mifflin Area Vocational Technical School.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Keystone Oaks High School Jay Neff Middle School

Program:
Service Learning Grounded in Curricula on the 6th, 9th, and 10th Grade Levels

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Keystone Oaks High School
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Description:
The ninth grade service learning program is interdisciplinary in nature, and integrates a fall and spring service learning project into the curricula. The fall project explores the problems of the hungry, the homeless, and the handicapped by reading Of Mice and Men in English, explores the Great Depression in History, and studies nutritional effects in Biology. Students plan and implement a service project for the homeless and the hungry of Allegheny County. A similar project which reflects the same process and focuses on ecology and environmental studies takes place in the spring. The service projects include student research, environmental surveys, cross-age mentoring, and interaction with county and state officials. These projects become part of the students' year-end exhibition.

Tenth grade English classes study Medea and research domestic violence and child abuse. Students engage in cooperative learning to create service projects which include posters and pamphlets placed in local libraries and schools; they present skits to elementary and middle school students; they establish a pen pal club for children of women who are in a local shelter; and they write and illustrate children's books. These students also study bias and prejudice by reading To Kill a Mockingbird. Service projects include murals, pictorials, and student-organized workshops on race relations.

After studying communications, the interviewing process, and intergenerational relationships, sixth grade Language Arts and History classes will interview senior citizens from the three communities and create oral and pictorial histories in the form of videos and still picture collections. These will be placed in the community libraries. This is the first that the sixth grade level has been included in the program.

All high school students are still required to accrue 120 hours of community service in order to graduate. School-based projects include The Caring Program for Children, A Teddy Bear Holiday, and The Senior Citizen's Prom.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant
1993-1995 Outstanding School in the Western Pennsylvania Caring Program for Children
1993-1995 Coordinator named VSEE Mentor
Recognized by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and WTAE-TV for an outstanding Hungry, Homeless, and Handicapped Project.

KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Kutztown Area High School

Program:
Kutztown Area School District Service-Learning

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Description:
Service learning takes various forms at Kutztown Area High School. Infusion into the curriculum is taking place in both the Special Education department and the Social Studies department. Special Education students volunteer in the community for six hours each week as a part of their planned curriculum. Students participate in intergenerational activities at two locations.

The Social Studies department incorporates service learning into an oral history/cultural preservation project. Senior members of the community are interviewed and videotaped. the edited videotapes are used in class to bring a local perspective to issues from various time periods that are studied in the classroom.

Twenty percent of the student population also volunteers at various community-based agencies in the school district. Activities include environmental clean-up, intergenerational activities, child care, AIDS awareness, and emergency care services.

The program has formed partnerships with ten organizations: Kutztown Manor, Special Olympics, Rainbow Home, Berks Aids Network, Topton Home, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Saucony Creek Marsh, Kutztown Senior Center, Day Care Centers, and Friend, Inc.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Buehrle Alternative School serves students from:

Hand Junior High School
Lincoln Junior High School
Reynolds Junior High School
Wheatland Junior High School

Program:

Service Learning Program

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Description:

Buehrle Alternative School is an urban school located in Lancaster, PA, with a population of 140 students in grades 6-12. The school provides at-risk students with a second chance to succeed. Students attend formal learning classes for half of the day, with two periods a week for counseling. Many of the students in grades 6-9 are referred because of conduct disorders. Though the current philosophy is that the program only works to increase their participation in the community, it is the program's belief and intention to prove that these students, with service learning participation, can gain social responsibility, increase attendance, develop better self-esteem, increase academic skills, and develop an ethic of service.

Students will attend a service learning class two days a week, pick a service learning site, and continue at that site for the school year. They will continually reflect on their experiences. They will begin to transform experiences in the world and classroom learning into practical life-long application.

By the end of the program, students will begin living in the adult world and make these experiences belong to them, thus internalizing positive self-esteem and self-worth. These mechanisms will then produce social responsibility and a desire to learn.

The program will concentrate on the 9th grade students from the four junior high schools. The program aims to help students incorporate a constructive and positive relationship between learning and the community as measured by student reflections, academic performance, attendance, and evaluation by agencies. Students will improve their self-esteem, as measured by improved communication skills with adults and peers and evidenced by fewer discipline referrals. Through Service Learning, students will have the opportunity to revive career choices, which will be shown by their career inventories, and they will develop appropriate career and life-choice mechanisms, with their success rate measured by their entrance into a school-to-work transition program.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Cynwyd Elementary School	Penn Valley Elementary School	Welsh Valley Middle School
Gladwyn Elementary School	Penn Wynne Elementary School	Harriton Senior High School
Merion Elementary School	Bala-Cynwyd Middle School	Lower Merion High School

Program:

Community-Based Learning K-12

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Description:

Community-Based Learning is one of the major initiatives in the district's Strategic Plan. Service learning is a large part of that effort. In the second year of the Learn and Serve America Grant, the program was able to double the number of students who participate in service learning activities as an integral part of their academic experience.

Service learning in the Lower Merion School District is part of the overall commitment to educating the whole child, infusing critical thinking into all curricula, and connecting classroom learning to situations and issues of the real world.

The overall program consists of four concentric layers of student interaction: the school, local, national, and global communities. The projects are interdisciplinary in nature and deepen students' understanding of political and socio-economic forces at work in our culture. This program affords excellence in teaching through experiential learning methodology.

The elementary school project is part of a larger vision of the Lower Merion Conservancy to enhance the "nature of Lower Merion." Middle school students will study the issue of World Hunger and work with an organization called Philabundance to create a service project. The high school students will either join a club called Art Forum that is implementing an art program at a homeless shelter in Philadelphia, or work at a community art gallery.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Beaver Adams Elementary School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
The Program's add-on group, the Adventure Club, will continue monthly baby-sitting services for P.T.O. meetings. The club's members will also provide blood pressure screening for the community on parent/teacher night and will organize a health fair at the school. Some students involved in this club will serve as advisors for classes in grades 3 to 6, offering peer help in setting up service learning within the classroom.

Classroom teachers from grades 3to 6 will work to incorporate service learning into their curriculum units, studying Snyder County history, customs, and traditions; war history as accounted by local Americans; Latin America; and other subjects. Representatives from AmeriCorps and the Union-Snyder County Office of Human Resources will work in partnership with the school district. The classes will form partnerships with the Senior Citizen's Center, VFW posts, the historical society, and related organizations. The culmination of these partnerships will be a year-end community fair to celebrate the history and future of Snyder County. The students' projects - oral histories, photos of activities, etc. - will be displayed.

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1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Asbury Elementary School
Belle Valley Elementary School
Chestnut Hill Elementary School
Grandview Elementary School
Ridgefield Elementary School
Tracy Elementary School
Verondale Elementary School
Walnut Creek Middle School
Westlake Middle School
Wilson Middle School
McDowell Intermediate High School
McDowell High School

Program:

Millcreek Township School District Service Learning Program

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Description:

Community service and volunteerism have played an active role in the Millcreek Township School District since it was founded in the mid-1800's. Various classrooms and clubs have performed outreach to the elderly, homeless, hungry, and victims of natural catastrophes. However, the philosophy of service learning as an integral part of the curriculum has not been addressed by all teachers and all curricular areas. Our plan of action includes training one third of the staff each year over the course of our grant in the service learning model of preparation, service, reflection, and celebration. Currently in the district, there are a number of projects that can be expanded into true service learning experiences. McDowell High School's Key Club and McDowell Intermediate High School's Student Council support a variety of community projects. The Millcreek ROTC also plans to play an active role in community outreach, with programs that aim to help needy youth. At the high school level, 9th graders can earn 1/4 credit per year toward graduation for volunteerism. The three middle schools in the district support a variety of community projects. Walnut Creek has developed company called Operation Help. Beginning at the 6th grade level, students run a company that promotes volunteerism and outreach locally and world-wide. Walnut Creek also has a group of senior citizens, the Wisdom Keepers, who are involved with intergenerational activities with our youth. James S. Wilson participates in a youth to youth connection project with their urban sister school, Woodrow Wilson. At the elementary level, environmental projects begin in Kindergarten. Intergenerational themes also play a major part at this level. Finally, a district-wide food collection project aims to gather enough food to service the Secondary Harvest Food Bank for eleven months out of the year.

Community partnerships with the district include the United Way, Secondary Harvest Food Board, Emmaus Soup Kitchen, Community Shelter Services, Inc., PA Soldier's and Sailor's Home, Times Publishing Company, Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc., and Gertrude Barber Center.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Montrose Junior/Senior High School

Program:
Susquehanna County's Service Through Learning

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Description:
The Montrose Area School District and the Susquehanna County Literacy Coalition have formed a partnership to instruct seniors in high school in the art of Peer Tutoring. Students in the seventh and eighth grades are tutored to increase their grade levels and/or maintain their class status. The program added Key Club projects in 1994-95 to assist in infusing service learning into the curriculum. The projects include: World War II, Move Up Day, Work with the Susquehanna County Library, Literacy Committees, and Just Say No.

Sixty-nine students provide service to beneficiaries of the program. It is in its fifth year of existence, and in the second year of a three-year Learn and Serve America Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Training for participants is provided by the Susquehanna County Literacy Coalition and district specialists. The program offers students the motivation to learn, more interaction in classrooms, and an opportunity for personal growth.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Proclamation from the Susquehanna County Commissioners
Number one Key Club in the Country for two consecutive years
Third best Key Club in the World

MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Moshannon Valley High School

Program:
Moshannon Valley Environmental Community Service Program

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Description:
The program involves rural youth in a junior-senior high school setting who engage in service-learning activities centered around both environmental and historical community-district concerns. Student participants receive .5 credit in tenth grade Introductory Environmental Science, operate an Ecology Club organized around the project, and may elect to continue in future years through enrollment in a credit elective course. Activities include field trips and workshops that focus on forestry, conservation, aquatics and recycling themes. All involve service-related projects including soil and water testing, tree planting and landscaping, stream improvement, park restoration, and a recycling program operated by students. Students are required to initiate and complete individual projects.

Expansions of the community service program into social studies will begin with a tenth grade course. Students will, among other things, undertake a historical background and genealogy of local architecture of buildings, towns, and cemeteries. Once completed, the areas involved will be landscaped in cooperation with the environmental science classes. Interviews of senior citizens who have lived in our area will be conducted to document thoughts of the development of our local history. Field trips to archeological sites and visits to the county courthouse will enable students to produce a more comprehensive study of local history.

The goal of the program is to further strengthen the link of the community to the school. Interest in the established environmental science service program in the district is exceptional. Developing a link to our past with the expansion of our program into social studies classes will further draw interest to our students from the community, and interest them in their communities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

MOUNT UNION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Mount Union Junior/Senior High School

Program:
Touching the Life of the Community - TLC

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Description:
Touching the Life of the Community - TLC is an intergenerational program involving selected students who will gain an understanding of the concerns and needs of the community. Through student involvement in activities which include education, public safety, human needs, and concerns for the environment, this program will provide a link between the school and the community.

Some proposed activities are: errand service, beatification of the community, safety education/crime prevention, water conservation, nutrition and wellness, physical fitness/senior aerobics, and community guest lecturers (in school classrooms). Students will work with police officers, senior citizens, borough officials, faculty, and administrators to coordinate these activities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Mt. Lebanon Junior High School

Program:
Mt. Lebanon Junior High School Service Learning Program

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Description:
Mt. Lebanon Junior High School seeks to implement service learning by linking valuable, meaningful service experiences to its rigorous academic curriculum. The program will develop in stages over a period of three years, with each successive stage further expanding the boundaries of the school walls.

In the first year, the service learning program focused mainly on creating a peer tutoring center. Students in the junior high were encouraged to tutor their peers in subjects where they have experienced success. Opportunities for reflection about the program and their part in it were provided to both the tutors and those being tutored. In the second year, students will reach beyond the junior high to students in the elementary schools. Students will serve on a hospitality committee intended to orient incoming sixth-grade students and students who are new to the district. Faculty advisors will train student volunteers, who in turn will create an orientation program they feel would best benefit the recipients. The third year will focus on the teams of teachers and students creating service learning projects that will target the community as a whole. In addition to benefiting those outside of the school, this stage of service learning will bring to life the concepts and ideas learned in the classroom.

During and after the implementation of each new phase, participants, recipients, and adult facilitators will evaluate the program to ensure successful, meaningful experiences. The program looks forward to the invaluable learning that will result from the fusion of school and community service.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Continued a peer tutoring program that matches peer tutors with students who are experiencing academic difficulties.
Organized a service learning task force composed of parents, teachers, students, and administrators which charts the development of service learning projects in the Junior High.
Laid the foundation for external service learning projects.
Began the third phase by facilitating selected pilot projects for service learning.

NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Nazareth Area High School

Program:
Environmental Education Center / Wildlife Preserve

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Description:
The 9th grade Biology students are integrating service learning with their present science curriculum. In 1994, the students started renovating a vacant courtyard at the high school. Students will turn this into an environmental education center/nature preserve. Last year, the students dug flower beds and planted trees and shrubs to attract and feed birds and butterflies. They also researched these plants and made a booklet of courtyard plants. Students shared their projects with the community by developing a skit about nature to perform for elementary schools. The biology students also planted butterfly gardens with the elementary students. In 1995-96, the students will install a pond, a heated bird bath, and more plants to complete the courtyard project.

Partners in the program include Northampton County Game Commission, Jacobsburg State Park, Nazareth Chamber of Commerce, parents of Nazareth School District students, and the district elementary schools.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Recognized by the Morning Call and Express Times
Recognized by Channel 69 News Station
Recognized in the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce newsletter
Participated in a statewide Day of Service in 1995

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
North East High School

Program:
Community Service

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Description:
North East High School is a recipient of a Learn and Serve America Grant. The Community Service Program at North East High School is offered as a semester course for credit. Students meet daily for class and are then released to volunteer during the remaining class time. Students' service placements are determined by results from an interest inventory. The Community Service course gives students the opportunity to explore careers while working to address community needs. Course requirements include students completing a minimum of 25 hours of service, maintaining a journal of their volunteer experiences, and reflecting upon their experiences through an oral presentation. Each semester, students initiate and organize a school-wide project designed to increase participation in service and meet community needs.

The Community Service Program has developed over 35 community partnerships with such groups as nursing homes, the Chamber of Commerce, preschool programs, and other schools within the district. Its goal is to provide students with the opportunity to exercise their leadership skills and academic talent through service to the community. It aims to give those students the opportunity to explore careers while working to address community needs. The program hopes, also, to increase community involvement and partnerships in the district. Finally, it aims to develop citizens who are responsible, moral, self-disciplined, and socially aware.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Recipient of a PEW Heinz Grant
Recipient of two $400 Erie County Citizens Service Council Grants
Member of State Subgrantee Advisory Committee for Pennsylvania
Program highlighted by three local TV stations
Program highlighted regularly in local newspapers
Workshop presenter at a National Service Learning Conference
Students created a service newspaper
Recipient of an AmeriCorps volunteer for two years

PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Penn Manor High School

Program:
Penn Manor Service Learning Program

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Description:
The Service Learning Program at Penn Manor High School has three integrated components. The primary emphasis is on using service learning as an instructional strategy within the classroom. The program aims to develop and improve upon a wide range of projects. These range from intergenerational projects to public safety. Students will be encouraged to engage in service as a way to explore career options. Interdisciplinary projects will be promoted. Teachers are provided with half-day planning times and can attend service conferences.

The second component is a service learning course. Students in the course earn 1.0 credit for completion of a service project. Class activities include career exploration, community needs awareness, and group problem-solving skills.

The third component is a Serteen Club that represents students who wish to engage in a leadership role with respect to service. They meet once a cycle and will be responsible for promoting service at the high school, facilitating projects, and developing recognition activities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1992-1993 PennSERVE Mini-Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
John Bartram High School

Program:

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Description:
The Learn and Serve America program will give a unique dimension to the Career Exploration and Community Service Charter of John Bartram High School. This is the partnership of a Philadelphia public high school and a parochial school, West Catholic High School.

The mission of the partnership is to help students focus their learning in an interdisciplinary, thematic way. The conceptual framework will take place in the school; applications to the real world will take place within the community. This active learning style will afford all students the chance to succeed by applying authentic assessment to their practices. By working together on selected projects with West Catholic High School in the students' community, we believe students will be able to make an easier transition to a productive adulthood as well as to either a full-time job or a post-secondary education.

The Learn and Serve America Program will focus on the need to decrease the dropout rate and increase student achievement across the curriculum. The program will help students become more active learners who are responsible for their own education. The program's partnerships in the community will allow students access to the resources of the community. The various projects in which they will be involved focus on the environment and crime, and will empower them to be reflective, critical, and active citizens in their community.

Finally, the program addresses the 52 outcomes of Chapter V and helps propel our students and staff into the 21st Century.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Central High School

Program:
Community Service Learning

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Description:
Central High School began an ambitious school-wide community service program in September of 1993. Our goal is to commit each student to a community service project during each year of high school. There are 12 staff members and one coordinator administering our service-learning program.

Our staff and students have located sites in our city that need our service efforts, such as public libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, and day care centers. Academic credit (1/4 hr. credit) is given for each year of work. Community service is a requirement of our academic program - 50 hours per student. As a result, in each marking period a grade will appear on every report card. Also, specific mention of the service activity is included on the student's college transcript.

Currently 90-plus percent of our students are serving in the community. Students entering CHS understand that service-learning is required in each of their four years.

At present, we have over 500 sites posted in various areas around the school, and outside of the Office of Community Service. Each student can use this list to find a service opportunity in his or her neighborhood. In this manner, we will be able to meet the needs of all the students as well as our sties.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Crossan Elementary School

Program:
Service Learning: Elementary at Crossan

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Description:
The commitment to systematic involvement with service learning began at Crossan in 1988. The program continues to emerge and grow as service learning becomes increasingly integrated, understood, and implemented by the faculty.

All 300 students in grades K through 5 engage in a variety of service learning activities that are integrated into their basic curriculum. The overall program consists of three concentric layers of student interaction: the school, local, and global communities. The interdisciplinary curriculum systematically integrates multi-cultural and multi-ethnic appreciation and understanding, environmental awareness, and intergenerational involvement. Learning outcomes are assessed in a variety of ways: by improved grades, increased participation in community-sponsored activities and fundraising, improvement in attendance, decrease in suspensions, measurable growth in output of student writing, and logging of student service hours.

This year the program will produce a service learning brochure, present at a number of conferences, produce news releases on a regular basis, and recognize within the school those students and faculty members who excel in service learning. The most innovative of the numerous service learning projects is a three-foot by fifteen-foot hook rug to improve acoustics in the school's gym/cafeteria. It will be photographed and marketed as a greeting card to sustain the program's activities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant
1992-1993 PennSERVE Disseminator Grant
1988-1991 PennSERVE Mini-grant
1994 National Generator School for Service Learning
1991 Outstanding Service Elementary School in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Anna B. Day Academic Plus Elementary School

Program:
Day Awareness Youth Service Project (DAYS)
Community Service Learning
Adopt-A-Grandparent Service Learning Computer Lab

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Description:
The Day Awareness Youth Service/Learn and Serve Project's participants, with the assistance of the private and public school partners, plan and execute various activities and projects with the Bethesda Court Personal Care Facility.

The computer Service Learning Lab students, Home and School members, and the A.B. Day staff collaborate with residents to produce newsletters and write original stories, poems, and plays. Students design special birthday and holiday greeting cards for their "adopted" grandparents, and make Giving-Sharing-Caring Trees at Christmas time. On Valentine's Day, a Grandparents' Tea of Love is planned for both the "adopted" and natural grandparents. A Commitment to Caring Day is held at the end of the year to give special recognition to students, staff, community, school partners, and "adopted" grandparents.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Learn and Serve America Grant
1991-1993 PennSERVE Mini-Grant
1995 Youth Service Award
1992 Dr. Gabriel Elias Intergroup Harmony Award
1992 Philadelphia/Pride Aluminum Can Recycling Project Winners
1992 Workshop Presenter at PFT Conference

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
H. H. Furness High School

Programs:
Venturing Into Professions (VIP) Small Learning Community (SLC)

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Description:
VIP's Learn and Serve America program is a school-to-work community service learning program of the Venturing Into Professionals Small Learning Community of Furness High School. The curriculum-based program exposes students to the world of work and career opportunities through partnerships with hospitals, businesses, day/geriatric care facilities, schools, and community organizations. Students serve at work sites that reflect their career interests, enable them to increase their academic skills, and fulfill a community service need. Students participate in on-site service learning programs for one to three school periods, five days a week; in extracurricular programs after school and on weekends; and in service activities such as food, toy, and clothing drives; and in school and neighborhood beautification projects.

The VIP SLC has a population of over 325 students in grades nine through twelve. It is a non-tracked, approved vocational program. Students have been involved in community service learning since 1990.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-19945 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1992 PennSERVE Mini-Grant
1995 Volunteer Award - Corporate Volunteer Council of the Delaware Valley

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Gillespie Middle School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
The national agenda highlights public safety, crime prevention, crime control, human needs in the health and home, and environmental concerns, both neighborhood and natural, as priority areas on which student service must focus. Gillespie Middle School has made a concerted effort to create opportunities for our students to engage in a variety of service learning projects which will offer them a chance to make a difference in our community by interacting with students from different cultures and working with them to resolve prejudices and construct a positive, productive community atmosphere; providing support within the school community and across the community as mentors, peer tutors and helpers to the elderly; and providing "real life" learning opportunities that will be shared with the community via health fairs, international food fairs, a business center, a campaign against youth violence, town meetings, and computer literacy for families living in shelters in the communities.

We believe that our restructured format, "Options," features choices and chances for our students to interact with the community in a productive, realistic manner. We endeavor to make school an institution in the community that provides students with an awareness of the role of every individual in the community and enables students to perform responsibly in the community.

As we reflect on our planned activities, we feel confident that engagement in Learn and Serve America will give students a sense of their place in society and their obligation to their community. It will allow staff and students to engage in activities together which may not fit within the traditional classroom framework, but will provide benefits to everyone involved within the school and the community.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Kensington High School

Program:
Kensington Living History Project

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Description:
Students at Kensington High School in Philadelphia are creating a community history laboratory, researching the history of industrial Kensington, collecting artifacts, writing reports, and interviewing senior citizens on their recollections of local history. As part of the project, students work with historians, curators, local business people, and Temple University educators. Student writings, interviews, and pictures will be published in a book on the history of the Kensington neighborhood in Philadelphia.

For the second semester, students volunteer at a senior center or cultural institution related to the research they conducted. Throughout the year, reflection was conducted weekly, mostly through class discussions, journals, small group reviews, and role playing. The rewards have been far-reaching. The links between individual students and community members, between Kensington High School and the neighborhood, between young and old, and between White, Latino, and African Americans have been strengthened.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 Volunteer Award - Corporate Volunteer Council of the Delaware Valley
1995 Service Recognition Award - Pennsylvania Institute for Service Learning
1995 Workshop presenter at the National Service Learning Conference
1995 Highlighted in NASSP Newsleader

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Abraham Lincoln High School

Program:
The Service Learning Charter of Abraham Lincoln High School

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Description:
The Service Learning Charter of Abraham Lincoln High School is beginning its third year as an integrated curricular program. During the 1995-96 school year, students will participate in the program to improve academic skills while engaging in meaningful service learning activities that provide career exploration and information. While classroom instruction involves an interdisciplinary curriculum, the focal point of the program is the service activities which take students outside the school building into the community.

The curriculum developed by teachers and designed for ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students includes a review and reflection of community experiences that relates them to similar experiences in other parts of the world, now and in the past. As the charter expands through twelfth grade, the experiences outside the building will be enhanced to provide more work-related situations and to provide career exploration as the students approach an age of employability in their final months of high school.

Coordinated with the Service Learning Charter is the Transition Program for Deaf Students. Lincoln is one of the largest secondary programs for deaf students in the State of Pennsylvania. Deaf students are placed in a variety of service sites to help smooth the transition from school to work/career. Teachers will continue to refine and develop curricula for all grades of the Service Learning Charter. As part of the curriculum, students will develop their own plans for service projects, with teacher support and guidance.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1993 High School for Service Learning

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Penn-Bartram School for Human Services

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
The service learning program at the Penn-Bartram School for Human Services currently involves all 9th and 10th graders, except those enrolled in the English as a Second Language program. Ten percent of the 11th graders and a few of the 12th grader's are also involved in the program. One hundred and ninty six students spend approximately 5 hours per week at a placement site. The service learning experience is a 1.0 credit course that is built into the students' roster. A period of reflection is conducted weekly at the school for all service learning students.

Special projects incorporated into the Learn and Serve program include the Literacy Corps, Germantown Peer Mentoring Program, Drexel University Traveling Science Show, and Green Circle Cultural Diversity Program.

Partnerships for student placements include the Anderson School, Barry School, Bryant School, Catherine School, Comegys School, Harrington School, Leidy School, Lonsgregth School, Mitchell School, Mill Creek Day Care, Patterson School, Penrose School, Evelyn Graves Academy, Veterans Hospital, University of Pennsylvania, Germantown Settlement, Larchwood Health Corner, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia Elwyn, Presbyterian Hospital, Drexel University, the Board of Education, Congressman Blackwell's Office, University of Penn Dental School, Sayre Middle School, Pepper Middle School, Turner Middle School, Most Blessed Sacrament Day Care, Cornerstone Christian Academy, Paschall Homes, and the Philadelphia Police Department.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Pickett Middle School

Program:
Partners for Youth

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Description:
The Partners for Youth program was developed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross to "further the personal growth and resiliency of youth through skill development and community service." Partners for Youth focuses on engaging our middle school students in a classroom-based Lifeskills program and an after-school program. Service learning is a central component of the program. The facilitator for the program is an AmeriCorps member placed in our school four days week. Students develop meaningful service learning projects in both the Lifeskills and after-school program. Examples of projects include murals, intergenerational projects, tutoring elementary school children, volunteering in day care centers, care drives to help homeless shelters and drug rehabilitation centers, violence prevention educational activities, and recycling drives.

The 12-week Lifeskills curriculum includes one week each on the following topics: introduction, values clarification, individual/community needs, life goals, group goal setting, personal obstacles, service planning: steps and obstacles, drugs/alcohol: personal and community obstacles, preparing for service, reflection, and celebration.

After-school program activities center around the training and service of the Red Cross. Students are able to learn basic first aid, baby-sitting, HIV education, and community disaster education. Students utilize their training to develop projects that benefit their school and community.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 National Service Learning Convention Middle School Tour Host
1995 Sponsored student scholarships for week-long residential Red Cross Leadership Development Camp held at Bryn Mawr College
1994-1995 video production "A Journey Through Germantown"
1995 Video club students recognized on cable T.V. show, "Kid Power" and in Germantown Courier and Philadelphia Tribune Newspapers.
1994 Youth Action Fund recipient, student-written proposal
1993 Tot Lot Mural, service project designed and dedicated for Pickett Day Care

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Regional School District

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
Regional High School students will act as mentors to students in designated middle schools. The designated schools are ones in which the Philadelphia Lacrosse Association is beginning to form lacrosse squads. Our students will meet with their mentees on a regular basis to provide academic and social support. They will try to be effective counselors, advisors, and companions to their students.

Training will be facilitated by teachers at Regional High School and various other specialists. The training will be held once or twice weekly during the regular school day, and students who act as mentors will receive academic credit.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 Recognition of Service, Philadelphia School District
1994-1995 Runner-up, Pennsylvania State Service Learning Fair

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
School Age Parents

Program:
Learn and Serve - Teen Peer Educators

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Description:
Comprehensive Services for School Age Parents (CSSAP) and Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania will jointly plan and implement a program to train young parents as peer counselors in the area of sexual health. The peer counselors will be available to provide workshops for Family Centers, and for the Comprehensive Services for School Age Parents program.

Expected outcomes include increased knowledge and skills in the areas of sexual health, communication, decision-making, group facilitation, and program developments; enhanced self-esteem of teen parents through positive role modeling, constructive supervision, evaluation of work performance, and direct work performance; improved attendance and reduced school subject failures.

Planned Parenthood will train teen parents in an initial course. The course will be followed by a bimonthly workshop. After the workshop, the Teen Peer Educators will provide weekly workshops for their peers at CSSAP, teen parent centers, and family centers. In addition, a teacher at CSSAP will continue to mentor the students and provide time and structure for their reflective activities. Students will keep journals and share their observations and reflections as they meet. Their written work will be published regularly, and local newspapers will be kept apprised of their activities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Hill Elementary School
Blaine Elementary School
Strawberry Mansion Middle and Senior High School

Program:

Plant and Tree Propagation and Maintenance in the Strawberry Mansion Community

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Description:

The Strawberry Mansion Cluster Schools have participated in service learning activities for the last four years. Last year the school implemented a program to improve the physical environment of the Strawberry Mansion community. Trees contribute much to a community, including real estate valuation, oxygen, and wildlife habitat. The program acquired a corner lot one block away from the school, and has begun planting a tree nursery there.

The students will care for the trees on a daily basis, and over the next few years will begin to transplant the trees into sites in the neighborhood. The students will determine appropriate sites and trees species, based upon the community's preference. The students will also educate the recipients as to the proper care and pruning of the new trees. The older, more experienced students, prior to graduation, will be required to train the younger students to help maintain continuity in the program, since it may take 5 to 10 years for a tree to mature from a seed to its final planting. Eventually, it is expected that a student willplant a tree in elementary school, and distribute the tree to its permanent site in high school.

Students will receive .5 credits for 60 hours of activity dedicated to the urban treenursery. Students will also participate in traditional science classes to supplement their activities. The assessment will be performanced-based, and students will be required to make journal entries that document their activities and reflections.

Staff members will receive training and cooperative lesson plan development sessions during after-school and Saturday activities. Community members and parents will be included in the development of the program and will be instrumental in maintaining the continuity required to make this project a success.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Property for the nursery lot leased as a gift from the Owners Kitchen 89

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
J.H. Taggart Elementary School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
J.H. Taggart School continues to integrate hands-on learning and valuable service to the community. Service learning provides real-life opportunities for students to learn new skills, engage in critical thinking, "try on" new roles, and be successful risk-takers. It allows students to enjoy the challenge of leadership and teamwork and to be recognized and rewarded by their peers and community at large.

The overall program enhances and strengthens academic interdisciplinary experiences through reflection, portfolios, and a newsletter. The various projects within the school and community include: winterizing the school and the Stiffel senior center by caulking windows, working with the Stiffel senior center weekly on a variety of projects, visiting the Methodist nursing home weekly and facilitating activity programs, planting trees and urban gardens in the community and area parks, environmental clean-up of the school and community, and maintaining a Grow Lab for plant study.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
University City High School

Program:
All Aspects of the Industry

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Description:
All Aspects of the Industry is an approach to educational reform through service learning. The program aims to provide students with a holistic view of a broad industry area that incorporates the perspectives of employers, labor representatives, environmentalists, and community residents. The All Aspects of the Industry program includes students' school-to-work transition, encourages community development, and provides students with career exploration while developing transferable skills.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Wanamaker Middle School

Program:
Service Learning Through Community Development

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Description:
The commitment of the project is to develop a program of systematic involvement in the local community through service learning. The overall program will consist and has consisted in the past of two major student interactions. The first involves students in the community through technical assistance and educational assistance. The second deals with student involvement in peer meditation, which helps with technical assistance, educational assistance, and maintenance assistance.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
West Philadelphia High School

Program:
Community Development Charter

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Description:
Community service learning, thematic team teaching, and career awareness are the foundations of the Community Development Charter. Community service is integrated into the curriculum; for example, the construction class does practical application through housing rehabilitation and school repair. The community studies class, a double period social studies and language arts class, produces a community newspaper. Community service learning reinforces thematic units.

There are 400 students in the charter, from grades 9 to 12. The community service learning program has formed a partnership with the West Philadelphia Corporation (WEPIC) and the West Philadelphia Partnership.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant
1995 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award
1995 Runner-up Pennsylvania State Service Fair
Construction Rehabilitation highlighted on WPVI-TV's *Fast Forward*, 1995

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Schuylkill Elementary School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
Each year, the students in Ms. Bonkoski's and Mrs. Chapman's 4th grade classes participate in an intergenerational program. They get to share a year with a wonderful group of "mature" individuals. The program uses these volunteers as resources to enhance the social studies, science, language arts, English, and math curricula. Field trips are used to enrich the foundation built in the classroom. The focus is to combine service and learning.

In the 1995-1996 school year, the children will form a partnership with Valley Forge Park. They will explore Philadelphia, the Park and Freedom's Foundation, in order to bring to life the history of our region. During the year they will work in groups, researching various sites in the Park. They will write and illustrate a report that will be displayed prominently in Valley Forge Park. The classes will participate in an Adopt-A-Stream program at Pickering Creek. The students work closely during this time with high school biology classes. This environmental unit will also include trips to the landfill, paper mill, and Grandpa Emmett's mulch pile. It truly is a program that celebrates the joy of learning, the uniqueness of each individual and the spirit of community!

The program has expanded with a teacher at each grade level receiving training at Wilder Forest in Minnesota. Those teachers have formed a partnership and implemented classroom programs with Chester County Head Start.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 Corporate Volunteer Council Award for Service
1994 Exemplary Service Learning School in Pennsylvania
1993 Generator School

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Pine Grove Area Middle School

Program:
Pine Grove Area Middle School Community Services Intergenerational Program

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Description:
The Pine Grove Area Middle School Community Services Program, formed in January, 1989, is an organization which educates and empowers students in grades 5 through 8. The purpose of the program is to encourage middle school students to become aware of the needs and problems of their community and to help them find solutions to those problems.

The goals of the intergenerational component of this program are to infuse community service learning activities into the Pine Grove Area Middle School's instructional practices and curriculum and to continue intergenerational learning. Building upon an intergenerational partnership between the Area Agency on Aging and the Pine Grove Area Middle School Community Services Organization and with the addition of two new partners, the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the plan is to revitalize a formal English garden located at the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts.

The project is designed to foster intergenerational understanding, communication, and activities. It is also being used as a springboard to infuse community service learning activities into the middle school's instructional practices and curriculum. Activities that have evolved as a result of the revitalization of the art center's garden include participation in "Warm Up America", with seniors and students crocheting coverlets for the homeless, nursing center activities, delivering meals to elderly citizens, intergenerational performances and field trips, and intergenerational tutoring.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Workshop Presenter at PA Middle Level and PASCD Conferences
Recognized in the *Pottsville Republican*, *Citizen Standard*, and *West Schuylkill Press*
Coordinator received the *Warner Cable Excellence in Education* Award, 1994-1995
Recipient of two previous PennSERVE Mini-grants
District-wide recognition by the Pine Grove Area School Board and the community

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School:
Carmalt Elementary School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
The program of peer leadership has a dual focus,which includes teaching intermediate grade students conflict mediation skills and involving them in various community service learning projects to enhance their problem-solving skills. Fifth and 6th grade students are trained as mediators as they, in turn, assist primary level students to settle disputes peacefully at breakfast and recess times.

Service projects include book buddies, whereby intermediate grade students are partnered with primary grade and special need students as reading buddies. Another community service learning projectis the Community Service Learning Institute. Last year, 6th graders completed two projects to help the homeless. Students brought in personal toiletries and made care packages with Valentine cards, and later ran a penny drive that collected $485, which was then distributed to three agencies: The American Red Cross - Oklahoma Fund, The Salvation Army, and Habitat for Humanity.

This year the 6th grade has adopted a Salvation Army Shelter and is coordinating the "Toys for Tots" toy drive to benefit that agency. As the Community Service Learning program expands, its goal is to build a culture of service which extends from kindergarten to 6th grade. The Community Service Learning Committee now has representation from every grade level to develop service projects which are tied to the curriculum K-6.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1996 Voted Exemplary Elementary School for Service Learning
Hosted November 1995 Out-service for Carmalt Faculty
Runner-up 1995 Pennsylvania State Community Service Learning Fair
"Getting Along: Best Peace Books for Little Kids," 6th grade publication with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Brookline Branch

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School:
Carrick High School

Program:
"CARES" Program

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Description:
The Carrick High School "CARES" Program is being launched during the 1995-96 school year in an effort to integrate service learning projects into a variety of disciplines. The "CARES" program is being used as a mechanism to assist with the implementation of the school's restructuring design model. During the summer of 1995, the curriculum was revised around service learning projects that involved English teachers who have entering 9th grade students. These students will be exposed to service learning through their involvement in a course entitled "learning community." The purpose of this course is to provide students with the organizational and behavioral skills necessary to become successful students. It is also designed to provide them with a sense of belonging, since they are part of a team. Teachers on the teams have common planning periods to further the development of the model. There are over 300 entering 9th grade students who will be involved in the service learning projects. New curricula was also developed in the areas of math, science, and social studies. Teachers working on those curricula were asked to design "real world" activities that integrate service learning and content.

The 1994-95 service projects included a toy drive that provided toys to over 200 needy children at Christmas, over 5,000 cans of food for local food banks, Valentines for veterans and children in Mercy Hospital's pediatric ward, funds for Oklahoma City bombing victims, an anti-drug poster contest, and blankets, gloves, and socks for the homeless.

Existing classes that have made service learning a priority include the Carrick Health Academy and the Leadership and Public Service course. During the 1995-96 school year, a series of workshops will be provided to the faculty of Carrick High School and other schools in the Pittsburgh School District that may be interested in beginning or expanding service learning programs.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant
Recognized in Pittsburgh district-wide newsletter articles, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and South Hills newspapers, WTAE-TV - "Family Works" Segment,
"Focus on Education" KQV Radio Station,
Coordinator Received NSEE National Fellowship, 1994
District-wide and South Area workshops for teachers and administrators

QUAKER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Quaker Valley Senior High School

Programs:
Service Learning Integrated into Classroom Curriculum
Well Schools Program

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Description:
Eleventh grade students studied *Of Mice and Men* in English class. Part of this unit included the study of homelessness, handicaps, and disabilities among youth and senior citizens. Representatives of Goodwill Industries and Operation Save-A-Life (an agency dealing with homeless people) spoke with students about their programs, and a formerly homeless person recounted his experiences. A field trip was taken to Whale's Tale, a facility for homeless teenagers. Students volunteered for a series of days at a soup kitchen, a facility for handicapped children, and a senior citizens center. Students organized a student-faculty volleyball game, with the price of admission being either canned items or a donation to a homeless facility. Staff members in several other areas are exploring service learning in their curricula for the 1995-96 academic year.

The Well Schools program involves identifying students who are potentially at-risk. These students are taught the skills to deal with their issues in partnership with a local nonprofit mental health agency. The students meet weekly either individually or in groups. Students are exposed to service learning in an effort to combat at-risk behavior and see a link between education and their future. The Well Schools students volunteered at an elementary school two hours a week for eight weeks and taught nine classes of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about service learning. This project included creating, organizing, and completing a service project with the elementary students. The students pulled weeds on school grounds, completed a talent show video for a nursing home, conducted a campaign against running in the halls, assisted with D.T. Watson (a facility for disabled children) day at the elementary school, and had a bake sale with the proceeds donated to a group establishing a community teen center. The projects were also in partnership with the Camp Fire program, *Gift of Giving*.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Received the Power of Partnership Award for initiating and developing innovative/community partnerships - given by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Giant Eagle, Dollar Bank, KDKA-TV 2, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Education, 1995

RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Ithan Elementary School Wayne Elementary School

Program:
A.C.T.I.O.N.S. - Adults & Children Together In Outstanding Neighborhood Service

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Description:
This proposal outlines a service learning program at Ithan Elementary School titled **A.C.T.I.O.N.S.** - Adults & Children Together In Outstanding Neighborhood Service. The centerpiece of this project includes an intergenerational component which will bring young children and community elders together in community service. To illustrate progress along the continuum of community service-learning, an overview of our current service program is described briefly prior to a detailed discussion of specific learning activities at grade levels spanning kindergarten through 4th grade. The school curriculum is regarded as a conduit for experience-based learning strategies interwoven into the school's instructional practices. The meaningful delivery of this program hinges on participants' reflections, with the recognition that this reflection will allow the **A.C.T.I.O.N.S.** partners to apply and adapt new knowledge and skills in both familiar and changing situations. These strategies will assist in finding novel solutions to the community's problems, which have resulted in the polarization of young people and the community elders.

The strength of the school district's instructional programs rests in their ability to address individual needs. We apply a similar orientation in this approach to our intergenerational partners. The activities have been selected for their ability to focus on the unique position of community elders, their individual needs, and the rich variety of talents and skills they exhibit. Several federal initiatives and state priorities were addressed in the design stage of this program.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

SALISBURY - ELK LICK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Salisbury - Elk Lick Elementary School Salisbury - Elk Lick Junior/Senior High School

Program:
The GIVING T.R.E.E.

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Description:
The GIVING T.R.E.E. is a district-wide service learning project where high school and elementary school students perform field studies and environmental research. The students document the effectiveness of an experimental clean-up of water quality in the watershed and create an exhibit for a local museum. The program will integrate an environmental service learning theme into curriculum areas of K-12 classes that is relevant to the community. The high school will implement an across-the-curriculum project, infusing service learning into Math, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science, and English classes. The elementary school will coordinate mini-projects that will serve as a sister program to the secondary school project. The cross-knowledge sharing between students involved in the sister projects and the community members will result in a ground-swell of community pride. By utilizing the senior citizens in the already established Adopt-A-Grandparent Program, an intergenerational network will be established as a means of providing students with an opportunity to explore the knowledge of another generation.

The Salisbury-Elk Lick School District is a district that, while economically depressed, has a great wealth of resources when it comes to community connectiveness and involvement. Changes come slowly, but by instituting these innovative programs the GIVING T.R.E.E. hopes to make a difference in the self-concept of its young people, which will later be reflected in the quality of life in the community.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Schuylkill Haven Area High School

Program:
Service Before Self: Volunteers in Action

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Description:
The Schuylkill Haven Area High School believes that it is the responsibility of every student to give something back to the community that has nurtured and provided for his or her intellectual, moral, emotional, social, and physical growth. That something is time through service that will make the community a better place and the student a better person. Students in the school are required to serve the community, receiving credit for their volunteer time.

The school realizes it composes only a part of the life experience of students. To be most effective, however, Schuylkill Haven is attempting to combine its curriculum with positive learning situations from the community it serves. The aim of the program is to develop within youth a sense of responsibility, commitment, and concern about their community. Students will experience gratification from generously serving and giving of their time and talents to help others. The program will integrate community into the classroom curriculum so that students realize the extensive power of their learning. It hopes to empower students with critical thinking and with knowledge through various learning styles. The program will instill in students a real-world approach to the problems of living. It will develop self-confidence and promote valuable problem solving, leadership, and work skills. The program aims, too, to expand students' personal learning and social horizons far beyond the classroom.

The program plans and implements a variety of service learning projects that involve students in, for example, tutoring, environmental, intergenerational, and fund-raising projects.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Letters of praise from Schuylkill Haven Borough Council
Acknowledgment from the Schuylkill County Soil Conservation Agency
PA Federation for Blind Certificates for student participation at the state convention
Highlighted in *Pottsville Republican* and the *Schuylkill Haven Call* for citizen service activities.

SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
East Scranton Intermediate School

Program:
Environmental School at the Park -- ESAP Program

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Description:
ESAP aspires to instill a desire to become involved in community service, to link community service to learning through student-generated and managed projects, to empower students with the knowledge of the their various learning styles and intelligences, to foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and to develop in students cooperation through the use of a team approach to real-world tasks.

ESAP has provided various services within the school and community. Examples of projects include a health care/career awareness /volunteer project at the Community Medical Center totaling 60 hour of service in 12 departments; a city park landscaping rejuvenation project that involves planning, design and implemention, and evaluation; a tree labeling project with students working in partnership with a local landscape architect and a Boy Scout troop; an intergenerational project at local nursing homes that benefits 100 senior citizens; students teaching students a the district elementary school in areas of environment and water testing; and the management and execution of a T-shirt fund raiser generating nearly $1,000 to be donate to local charities chosen by the students.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant
Highlighted in a video on Citizen Service at the National level, 1994
Highlighted in the video program Children First, WNEP-TV, 1994
Presenter at the Pennsylvania State Service Learning Fair, 1995
Student Workshop for District In-service Program, 1995
Finalist Award -- Volunteer Action Center of Lackawanna County, 1995

SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
West Scranton Intermediate School

Program:
WEAVE- West Scranton Environmental and Vocational Education Center

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Description:
WEAVE will establish a site within an intermediate school where special population students of all exceptionalities will be involved in an interactive, community responsive, service inspired series of projects that will establish a new set of academic standards and expectations for students with special needs. The program recognizes the importance of transitions and the crucial role service learning programs have in the transition process. WEAVE will be based upon the adult roles students are expected to fill once they graduate from school. Service will make that learning experience more authentic and community-based.

Projects will include an entrepreneurial vocational center owned and operated by students, and a service component in which the students involve themselves in an expanding circle of service to their school, their community, and their fellow students. Projects will also include an intergenerational mentoring program, an entrepreneurial flower and landscaping business, a job skills and transition service, an elementary school outreach program, and a series of infused curriculum project based upon a vocational theme. The program will combine Math, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Industrial Arts in a truly integrated curriculum that meets and exceedsthe academic, social, and vocational expectations of special populations students. As the program expands into the elementary and high schools, exceptional students will become mentors and teachers of the processes they develop as part of the WEAVE vocational team. Projects in the planning stages include a Thanksgiving meal distribution, a holiday crafts for students bazaar, a climatoric germination venue, and a nutritional skit for the community.

Partnerships include the Lackawanna County Senior Citizen Center; West Scranton High School; Catherine McAuley Center; W.S.I.S. administration, faculty, PTA, and a peer mediation team; Lincoln Jackson Elementary School,;United Neighborhood Center; Friends of the Poor; and the Scranton School District Special Olympics.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Slippery Rock Area High School

Program:
Kids That Care

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Description:
KTC is an extracurricular activity organization that formulates intergenerational activities to help bridge the gaps between people in the community. Students assess community needs, design projects, and hold reflection sessions. About 75 students participate in this organization and provide service to thousands of recipients.

Agencies and partnerships involved in the program include: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Red Cross, Slippery Rock Park Commission, Portersville Food Cupboard, Slippery Rock University, SRU Community Service Learning Institute, Butler Eagle, the Area Agency on Aging, Allegheny Valley Schools, Saxonberg Nursing Home, Elementary and Middle Schools, St. Christopher's Church, and Project Christmas Elf.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Smethport Area Junior/Senior High School

Program:
Service Learning Corps

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Description:
The Smethport Area School District's service learning plan involves students participating in a service learning college workshop and then becoming members of the Smethport Service Learning Corps. The college will help the students and faculty develop their skills and increase their understanding of service learning and how this concept can be infused into the curriculum. Students will then participate in meaningful service learning experiences facilitated by a faculty member.

Through the Corps, the students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will increase their self-concept and confidence in real-life experiences. A career awareness component will give students an opportunity to explore careers and strengthen their awareness of civic responsibility. We anticipate that 10% of the student body will participate in six hours of training and 30 hours of service learning during the 1995-96 school year.

Some of the activities that encompass service learning are the service learning college workshop, the community service club, the school service club, peer helpers, special Olympics, and the Smethport Show Choir.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

SOLANCO - SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
George A. Smith Middle School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
Smith Middle School's service learning projects are developed and implemented through club programs and integrated into curricular areas. Building partnerships with community agencies is an integral part the service learning projects. "Service to Others" has become a pivotal theme.

The Smith Teen Club is a student-run program that provides services and activities for the student body. Activities organized and led by club members include school dances, a volleyball tournament, a game night, and a movie night.

Sixth grade students learning study skills in a Language Arts class are collecting school materials and organizing packets of school supplies for economically disadvantaged students in the community. Seventh graders are currently working on a intergenerational project with a local citizen home. Eighth grade students studying Communication Art will present educational skits and role plays that focus on such life issues as drug prevention, peer pressure, and responsibility to younger students in the district.

Other Service Learning Programs in the building include: Peer Helpers, Peer Tutoring, Peer Mediation, and a Community Service Club.

Partnerships include Quarryville Borough Police Department, Quarryville Presbyterian Home, Community Action Program, and Spina Bifida Association.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
Publicity through Local Sun Ledger and Lancaster New Era

SOUTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
South Allegheny Junior/Senior High School

Program:
S.A. B.U.S.T.E.R.S.

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Description:
Students become service providers to meet the needs of various beneficiaries. Beneficiaries can include any student experiencing academic difficulty, poor study skills, and learning disabilities.

Appróximately 75 students have served as tutors in SA BUSTERS during its three years of existence. Over 150 students have been recipients of the services provided by the program.

SA BUSTERS tutor other students in academic subjects to raise grades, and increase motivation and self-confidence. It is a student-organized program that is preparing to extend into the community. Plans for the future include organizing a "Letter to Santa" mailing project and a celebration for service providers.

It is the school district's desire to instill in its students the importance of community service; the experience gained is a valuable reward for giving of oneself to someone when they need support for an activity that will beatify or enhance the environment or the community.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1993-1994 PennSERVE Grant

SOUTHEASTERN GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Mapletown Junior/Senior High School

Program:
Kids That Care

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Description:
The Southeastern Greene School District addresses service learning through the Kids That Care organization. It has formed partnerships with Slippery Rock University, Waynesburg College, and the Greene County Family Center. The main goals of the program are to provide an opportunity for academic and personal growth for students, to positively impact the community, and to affect school-wide change.

This is the fourth year of existence for the Kids That Care program. During the 1994-1995 school year, membership grew to 150 students (approximately 30% of the student body). These 150 students provided well over 4,000 hours of service. Kids That Care has allowed the school to build a strong foundation for service learning. It is now time to move forward to a more comprehensive, curriculum-based program.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Southern Columbia Area Junior/Senior High School

Program:
The Nature Study Area at SCA

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Description:
The Nature Study Area of the SCA program aims to foster a desire in students to be involved in community service through their school. It hopes to tie service learning projects to the present curriculum, and improve student self-esteem by involving them in action-oriented service projects that improve their surroundings. The program strives to improve student collaborative skills through cooperative problem-solving and critical thinking, and tries to heighten awareness of and impart knowledge about environmental issues and the natural world within the school and the community.

The program runs a number of service action projects. It has environmental awareness and outdoor education programs for people of all ages, abilities, and exceptionalities, and conducts a school-wide recycling and composting project. It provides landscaping programs that plant flower and herb gardens, and conducts clean-up in state gamelands and along streams. The program constructs bird and wildlife feeders and nesting structures, runs an SCA campus clean-up and beautification project, and creates new handicap-accessible walking and interpretive trails. It constructs new outdoor classrooms, a team-building challenge course, and a walking bridge across Roaring Creek; participates in the Audubon/Leica Christmas Bird Count; organizes the annual cut Christmas tree collection, which uses the trees for wildlife cover; and creates a sensory trail for the blind, among other such valuable service learning projects.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1993 and 1994 PA Envirothon / PA Electric Association Grant
Guest appearance on WNEP TV 16 Earth Day '92 special "For Our Kids..."
Columbia County Envirothon champion for the past 2 years
Published and highlighted in the PA Envirothon Journal in 1994,
Recognized by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission for water quality studies
Created a nature study area on the banks of Roaring Creek to serve the school and community environmental needs. Wrote and illustrated a site-specific field guide for the nature study area, Research including: Cornell Univ./feederwatch, vernal ponds/amphibians, Audubon/Leica Bird Census, and water quality monitoring.

SOUTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Liberty Junior/Senior High School

Mansfield Junior/Senior High School

North Penn Junior/Senior High School

Program:

Learn and Serve K-12

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Description:

Southern Tioga School District seeks to incorporate student community service as an integral part of education at all levels. Through in-service training, community-based projects, public awareness activities, inclusive education, and off-campus learning experiences, this project will enrich academic learning, promote personal growth, and help develop the skills necessary for productive citizenship.

This project aims to enable students to become contributing members of their community by examining the needs of communities and the role that community services play in meeting those needs. It will help students manage resources to balance personal, family, and community responsibilities; it will teach students to function effectively in various roles as contributing members of their communities; and network with members to explore future careers.

Accomplishments for the 1994-95 school year include the production of an informational video about Southern Tioga School District's Learn and Serve program, the creation and distribution of a brochure, and the acquisition of material for curriculum ideas about community service at the elementary level. The establishment of a student-run advisory board comprised of students, service agency representatives, faculty, and private school participants also highlighted the program's first year.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
State College Area High School

Program:
Youth For A Change

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Description:
Youth For A Change is a 13-member Student Board that serves as a clearinghouse for all community service learning projects in the area's schools. The program began in 1990, and a Learn and Serve Grant was received in 1994. The student board is responsible for a number of tasks. It maintains contacts with over 30 community agencies, maintains a data base on all school students and projects, publicizes events, and recruits teachers and students. The program also organizes service events such as the National Day of Caring and National Youth Service Day. This year they will award five mini-grants to teachers who integrate service learning into their curriculum.

Over 1,400 volunteers contribute 51,000 hours of service to the school and community on three levels. On the learning enrichment and independent study level, students may elect to receive up to a full elective Community Service Learning Credit. Projects include Elementary Curriculum Days, a Renaissance Faire, Student Internet Trainers, Literacy Corps, Agency Corps, EMT trainees, and Peer Mediators. At the Curriculum Infusion level, classroom teachers develop service learning projects as part of their curriculum. Projects include Center County Special Olympics, Farm Assistance, Donkey Basketball, Issues Forum, Merlin's Market, Stream Reclamation, Trike Project, Habitat for Humanities, Women's Resource Center shed construction, National Day of Caring, United Way, and National Youth Service Day. On the Community Service Learning Course level, all State High juniors must complete a project with a minimum of twenty hours of work for Junior Health, and juniors who elect the lab section must complete one 60-hour independent project and a group project.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Steel Valley Secondary School Complex

Program:
Steel Valley BLAST (Bringing Learning and Serving Together)

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Description:
The Steel Valley BLAST (Bringing Learning and Serving Together) program represents the evolution of service learning from the mandated graduation requirement in 1988 to the transition in 1993 of curriculum integration through project participation in a variety of disciplines. The Steel Valley district is an active member of a community-wide coalition of twenty service agencies known as CAUSE, Community Agencies United to Serve Everyone. Additional partnerships include: the University of Pittsburgh, California State University, and Duquesne University.

This year, Social Studies students are interacting with local citizens and family members to catalogue stories and pictures while matching their oral interviews with actual events in American History in the 20th Century. The program's goal is to publish a book and video that reflect the results of the project's research and findings. The district is also committed to the development of a "wetlands" located on the school grounds. Landscaping and construction projects will empower students, teachers, and local citizens to feature an amphitheater-like learning area and pavilion-type observatory.

Finally, French Club members (100 students) are composing coloring books using the theme of "Christmas in France." The books which depict holiday customs, will introduce French to elementary students in grades one to five. Students will take active roles in a Christmas program as part of this orientation to language arts.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1993-1994 PennSERVE Service Learning Disseminator Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant

TAMAQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Tamaqua Area Junior High School Tamaqua Area Senior High School

Program:
Service Learning Program

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Description:
Beginning in 1994 and continuing through 1997, the Tamaqua Area School District is training junior and senior high students in the areas of peer conflict mediation, leadership skills, and drug and alcohol education instruction. These students will provide the foundation for an ongoing program of role-modeling and workshops for the district and the community. Planning sessions have been held with representatives of local businesses and human services to identify community service learning projects that will improve the quality of life for residents of the Tamaqua Area. Students are working jointly with these representatives on a variety of initiatives, including the B.A.B.E.S. Program (Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education), elementary "readings groups," and intergenerational activities. Students are also developing their own peer conflict mediation unit for inclusion in the 5th grade health curriculum.

The overall goal of this plan is to address public safety by reducing violence, not only within the school, but also within the community. Secondary objectives include developing a continuum of students trained in conflict mediation from the elementary to the senior high level, and improvements in school and community relations.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn And Serve America Grant

TOWANDA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Towanda Area High School

Program:
Towanda Area High School Service Learning Program

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Description:
The Community Service Learning Program at Towanda Area High School is now in its fourth year and is the most comprehensive service learning program in Bradford County. A voluntary program, its scope is three-fold and consists of a community service learning "cycle" class for 9th graders, curriculum-based integrated service learning opportunities, and volunteer opportunities for all students.

Approximately 80 percent of the student body is involved with the program, and service hours may be completed either during the students' "free time" (study halls, etc.), during the school day, or on their own out-of-school time. The program is under the direction of a faculty member who is given an office and two class periods per day to coordinate activities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Primos Elementary School Aronimink Elementary School

Program:
School and Community Environmental Beautification Project

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Description:
Students of the Upper Darby School District will take responsibility for their immediate environment. A community support team of local businesses and schools will be established so that a beneficial partnership can develop that targets a common concern - the environment.

Students involved in the program will write news articles and record their reflections on the project at hand in journals for their Language Arts classes. They will research plants, trees, and animals in the area for Science Class and will determine environmental needs based on their observations. As the program progresses, the students will have the opportunity to recall, share, and teach what they have learned while participating in the Environmental Beautification Program.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant

UPPER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Bridgeport Elementary School
Caley Elementary School
Candlebrook Elementary School
Roberts Elementary School
Upper Merion Middle School
Upper Merion High School

Program:

Community Service Learning

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Description:

Community service learning is being developed as a reform-based initiative to support student-centered learning. Introductory, full-day workshops are held in the fall with a follow-up in the spring to fully develop a conceptual understanding of the connection between service learning and sound teaching practices. A second follow-up workshop was held this year to fully explore practices and deepen the understanding of reflective learning. We believe it is essential to provide on-going training and technical support to ensure sustained curriculum infusion and to defuse the view of service learning as "just another fad". Strong connections are made between service learning and the development of integrated units, performance-based assessments, and multicultural education.

Environmental studies, literacy, peer tutoring, multicultural education, and human services are all pursued through a variety of approaches in over 30 classrooms. A collaborative study of "interdependence" between the middle school's and a nearby district establishes the forum for cross-cultural communication, while providing opportunities for a "common cause" service learning effort.

Teambuilding and maintenance of a nature center allows 4th grade students to experience hands-on environmental education with tangible community impact. The planning and presentation of an annual multicultural fair allows 3rd grade students to explore the diversity of their community and serve as peer teachers. In many cases, the service learning efforts are the theme or enriching activity for an integrated unit. In all cases, teachers more readily purse service learning when they are able to see the connection between it and other emerging initiatives that may at times seem overwhelming when viewed as several different activities.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Washington Park Elementary School Washington Park Middle School

Program:
The Caring Community

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Description:
As part of The Caring Community Washington Park Elementary and Middle Schools, teachers and students carry out a variety of service learning activities. The following are service learning activities that have been suggested by some grade level teachers. Grade level activities may be modified or changed at the teacher's discretion due to community needs or student interest.

Kindergarten students work with a local nursery to plant and maintain flowers. Students also remove litter around their wing of the building. First graders work with the Community Food Bank. After a food band representative gives a presentation, students collect food for the food bank. Second graders join with a local nursing home and carry out a project to make a variety of cards and crafts.

Third graders work with the City Police and the Humane Society and raise money for police dogs and Humane Society needs. Fourth graders work with the Washington County Conservation District to plant trees on the newly developed school nature trail and at various community sites. They also partner with the Literacy Council and prepare materials for the hospital to give to mothers and their newborn children. Fifth graders join with the Police Department, have speaker presentations, and raise money for the K-9 Drug Task Force. They also partner with the City Council and raise money for Washington Park.

Sixth graders work with the Agency on Aging and have speaker presentations. They also implement a neighborhood clean-up day and provide other services for the elderly. Seventh graders partner with the City Council and implement a clean-up/maintenance day at Washington Park. Eighth grade students join with elementary students and implement an in-school tutoring program. They also join with the American Red Cross and attend their Leadership Development Center.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Seneca High School
Central Elementary
Wattsburg Area Middle School
Greene Elementary
Greenfield Elementary

Programs:

Service Learning Program Integrated Into Classroom Curricular Areas
Partnerships with Community Groups and Agencies

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Description:

Wattsburg Area School District, a rural district in Erie County, has a Learn and Serve Disseminator grant with the Department of Education. As a disseminator grantee, the district is in the process of not only continuing to develop its own K-12 service learning program, but is also helping its neighboring school districts in the IU#5 area to develop programs as well.

The program has its roots in using service learning as a dropout prevention strategy. It began as an after-school high school program and has grown to include two service learning courses for credit at the high school. The high school program has a strong intergenerational flavor.

The program has expanded to include projects at the middle school and elementary levels. At the middle school, service learning is integrated into grade-level team curricular thematic units such as the use of an oral history project as part of a school-wide World War II unit. Another popular project involves 8th grade home economics students who teach latchkey skills to 5th grade classes at their own school and at the district parochial school.

One particular elementary project has 4th graders running a metal recycling project for their township playground. This project and the middle school oral history projects have received additional funding this year from the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

The service learning advisory board is made up of district staff and community persons who also work to promote service in the district. Their ongoing goal is to provide district buildings for senior citizens in the community to use.

Partnerships include the Greene Township Lions Club, the Greene Township Lioness Club, the Wattsburg Methodist Church, and Pleasant Ridge Manor East.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Disseminator Grant

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:
Kistler Elementary School G.A.R. High School Meyers High School

Programs:
Integration of Service Learning Programs Into Classroom Curricular Areas
Partnerships formed with Community Groups and Agencies

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Description:
Wilkes-Barre Area started its Service Learning Program in 1994. It involved approximately 100 students from two high schools and one elementary school. The students use the knowledge learned in the classrooms to meet the needs of the community. Some of the goals of the program are to demonstrate an increased interest and understanding of issues involving the school and community, and to show a connection between classroom learning and a practical application of that knowledge. The program aims to enhance self-esteem through the ability to make significant contributions to society, to instill in students the desire to continue to serve others in the future, and to stress the importance of work-related skills like being on time and communicating well with others. The program hopes to develop in its participants a sense of civic pride.

The projects to date have included distribution of Christmas presents and French Christmas cards for the residents of a rest home, decorating the lobby of a local medical facility and entertaining its staff and patients with songs during the Christmas season, peer tutoring projects in technology, French high school students instructing elementary students about the French culture by teaching them some of the language and introducing them to French cooking, Meyers French students developing a French cookbook for distribution, A.T.P. (Gifted-Support) students volunteering time and services at a local medical facility, and 3rd-grade students presenting reports to other students concerning issues related to healthy living.

Partnerships in the program include the Dalton Rest Home, the Volunteer Action Center, Geisinger Medical Center Central, Little People's Day Care Center, and McDonald's Restaurants, Inc.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1995 Spark Plug Award presented by the United Way of Wyoming Valley

WILKINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

School:
Kelly Elementary School Johnston Elementary School

Program:
Random Acts Of Kindness (R.A.O.K.)

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Description:
The Random Acts Of Kindness (R.A.O.K.) project combines conflict resolution, teamwork, and community service projects in and out of school. This year the project hopes to work with 5th and 6th graders in two elementary schools to provide them with alternatives to gangs and violence. To some degree, the project hopes to become active in establishing R.A.O.K. "gangs" not only in the schools, but also in the community through the Boys & Girls Club of Wilkinsburg. The program hopes to coordinate projects so that there will be after-hours follow-ups to what is done during the school day.

The program will be incorporated into the curriculum in several ways. In Language Arts classes the students will keep journals, write reports, and compile classroom anthologies of anecdotes related to R.A.O.K. The program intends to tie in "The Heartwood Project," a literature-based social and reading program that focuses on loyalty, courage, honesty, and other such values. The Science and Math curricula can be incorporated via preparation for service projects (computing time, materials, etc.).

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant

WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools:

Ardmore Avenue Elementary School
Penn Wood High School
Friendship Circle Senior Center

Program:

Penn Wood High School's Learn and Serve Program

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Description:

Penn Wood High School's Learn and Serve Program is an interdisciplinary, intergenerational project that links high school students with older adults and elementary students. Students and older adults are becoming acquainted through visits at the school and the senior center where they participate in planned activities. Ultimately, the students, using the experiences of the older adults, will produce a local oral history of the school's communities. In the process, they are honing communication and socialization skills and developing mentoring relationships.

The second segment of the program brings together high school and elementary school students for tutoring and special projects. High school students learn by teaching and providing valuable services to individual students, teachers, and the school community.

Special projects include a National Family Week luncheon, elementary/high school Santa letters, sharing holiday traditions and caroling, and a cooking project with high school and elementary school students.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995-1996 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Grant
1994-1995 Department of Education Learn and Serve America Planning Grant
1993-1994 PEW Planning Grant
Recognized in local newspapers: the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *News of Delaware County*, and the *Delaware County Daily Times*

PEER CONSULTANTS

Through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Service Learning Cooperative has established the Peer Consultant Initiative in cooperation with its regional partners, State Education Agencies, and the Council of Chief State School Officers. This new effort will positively affect service learning on a national level, creating a network of experienced professionals actively working with practitioners new to service learning, thereby expanding the field.

The purpose of the Peer Consultant Initiative is to promote the infusion of service learning into core academic curricula by developing a system of Peer Consultants. Peer Consultants, regarded as experts in the field of service learning, will assist practitioners to develop and strengthen service learning in their classrooms, school districts, and communities.

Pennsylvania has eight Peer Consultants who are partnered with eight Youth Consultants. The Peer Constants are to serve as mentors/consultants for teachers and/or school districts seeking assistance in developing comprehensive service learning programming. The Youth Consultants will represent the youth perspective of service to schools, community members, and youth. Together, this team of Peer Consultants and Youth Consultants serve as catalysts in advancing the service learning movement.

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The following service learning programs provided at local school districts emphasize the service learning experience. They can also be used a service learning resource.

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1995-1996 PENNSLYVANIA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

State Advisory Committee members are representatives of successful subgrantee projects and consultants for service learning. They meet five times a year to serve as a resource to the Department of Education's Learn and Serve America: K-12 grant program. They provide direction for events that promote service learning in Pennsylvania by providing input and feedback; by assisting in the design of state-wide programs; by presenting at award ceremonies; by advocating for the integration of service learning into the curriculum; by reviewing progress at the subgrantee level; and finally by submitting a final report to the Department of Education.

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1995-1996 STATE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The State Youth Advisory Committee brings together youth to provide input for events that promote service learning in Pennsylvania from the youth's viewpoint. Each representative is expected to attend one of the five major events for service learning during the 1995-96 school year.

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1995-1996 LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA K-12: ADDITIONAL PROGRAM GRANTS

The Learn and Serve America program has added 10 program grants. This brings the total of grants funded during the 1995-1996 school year to 101. The new grants are being funded at the $3,750 level.

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In 1987, Governor Robert P. Casey established PennSERVE to make service "the common expectation of all Pennsylvania citizens." Through its diverse streams of service, PennSERVE continues to rise to this challenge and has expanded community service into a fully integrated network of excellence throughout the commonwealth.

3. **Learn and Serve America: Community-Based Programs**
   PennSERVE: The Governor's Office of Citizen Service
   1304 Labor and Industry Building
   7th and Forster Streets
   Harrisburg, PA 17120
   Contact: Margaret F. Madigan, Senior Grants Officer
   Tel: 717-787-1971
   Fax: 717-787-9458

PennSERVE is the state office responsible for citizen service. It oversees the following statewide programs: K-12 school-age community service at community-based organizations, Corps, and the Volunteer Centers of PA.

4. **Americorps*USA Programs**
   PennSERVE: The Governor's Office of Citizen Service
   1304 Labor and Industry Building
   7th and Forster Streets
   Harrisburg, PA 17120
   Contact: Chris Koster, Coordinator
   Tel: 717-787-1791
   Fax: 717-787-9458

PennSERVE is the State Office responsible for overseeing on behalf of the State Commission on National and Community Service, the Americorps*USA Programs throughout the Commonwealth.

5. **Generations Together**
   University of Pittsburgh
   121 University Place, Suite 300
   Pittsburgh, PA 15260
   Contact: Jim McCrea
   Tel: 412-648-7150

Intergenerational programs hold particular promise for service-learning by enabling youth to benefit from the knowledge and experience of older citizens. Components of the program include "friendly visits" to long-term care facilities, Grandparent Visiting Days, older adult volunteers, activities that focus on aging awareness, intergenerational family literacy, "caring-sharing," and drug & alcohol prevention programs.

6. **Center for Intergenerational Learning** Tel: 215-204-6709
Temple University
1601 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Contact: Nancy M. Santiago or Robert Tietze

The Center was created to foster cooperation and exchange among persons of different generations to find creative intergenerational solutions to community problems. The center serves as a national resource center and clearinghouse for information concerning existing intergenerational programs, develops and evaluates a variery of demonstration projects, and collects and provides technical assistance and training to organizations in developing such programs.

7. **PA Institute for Environmental & Community Service Learning** Tel: 215-951-0343
PA Institute for Service Learning Fax: 215-951-0345
Phila. College of Textiles & Science
Henry Avenue & Schoolhouse Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144
Contact: Harry Silcox

The PA Institute is a national and statewide resource for service-learning programs. The Institute is the Regional Information Center for the national Service-Learning Cooperative. The Institute works collaboratively with other agencies and organizations in the state by providing assistance, support, and opportunities to encourage the public, school boards, principals, teachers, and students to pursue service-learning programs in the schools. The Institute will focus specifically on teacher training, curriculum development, and reflective teaching methodology.

8. **PA Service Learning Evaluation Network** Tel: 412-648-7196
University of Pittsburgh Fax: 412-648-7191
School of Education
5D21 Forbes Quadrangle
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Contact: Carl I. Fertman, Director

The Network is a source of communication, support, resources, and guidance. Its philosophy is to work with people by providing them with systematic data. The network provides evaluative data of all service learning sites funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

9. **Institute for the Study of Literacy** Tel: 814-863-3777
Penn State University
204 Calder Way
University Park, PA 16801-4756
Contact: Sheila Sherow, D. Ed.

The Literacy Corp supports the development of credit-bearing college courses that enhance academic study with 40 hours of real-life experience in the form of community service. College students serve primarily as tutors, role models and mentors to low-literate adults, at-risk youth and English as a second language learners.

10. **National Service-Learning Cooperative:** Tel: 1-800-808-SERVE
K-12 Learn and Serve America Clearinghouse
University of Minnesota

With a toll-free information number, the Clearinghouse serves as a national database, offering resources, materials, referrals, training and consultation.

11. **Pennsylvania Conservation Corps**
1304 L & I Building
7th and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Contact: Lou Scott
Tel: 717-787-1971
Fax: 717-787-9458

The program offers opportunities for young Pennsylvanians to learn life and job skills through hands-on experience in projects that serve their communities. The program includes 75 projects throughout the Commonwealth, Summer Youth Service Corps, Urban Corps, and special Corps member and crewleader events, such as statewide and national conferences.

12. **Pennsylvania Service Corps**
PA Assoc. of College & Universities
800 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
Contact: H. Lee Van Brederode, Executive Director
Tel: 717-233-8577
Fax: 717-233-8576

The program is a national service demonstration project. Members are placed individually or in small teams in youth and conservation corps, schools (K-12), colleges and universities, and community-based organizations. The Corps seeks applicants 17 years of age and older with a commitment to community service. Full-time applicants commit to a year's service; part-time applicants to three years at an average of nine hours per week.

13. **Pennsylvania Campus Compact**
800 N. 3rd Street, Suite 401
Harrisburg, PA 17102
Contact: La-Verna Fountain
Tel: 717-232-4446

PACC builds service into the infrastructure of higher education and provides leadership resourses and information for service learning. PACC offers student leadership training sessions and will expand to include the PA Service Scholars, college students who will develop local programs through community service and service-learning activities.

14. **Volunteer Centers of Pennsylvania**
Harrisburg Transportation Center
415 Market Street, Suite 207
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Contact: Mary Wiest Mackie
Tel: 717-238-7171

The Volunteer Centers of Pennsylvania serve as a clearinghous for volunteer programs, provide technical assistance, and are advocates for volunteerism throughout the Commonwealth.

15. **The Corporation for National and Community Service**
1201 New York Avenue
Washington, DC 20525
Tel: 202-606-5000

The Corporation was created by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, which brought together federal domestic volunteer organizations, including the Commission on National and Community Service, ACTION, and the White House Office of National Service. The Corporation administers and serves as a clearinghouse of information and technical expertise for service initiatives nationwide. The Corporation provides funds on a competitive basis for state and national service programs. The Corporation's focus is service that will address the nation's education, human needs, public safety, and environmental needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results.

16. **The Corporation for National and Community Service**
State Office
Contact: Jorina Ahmed, State Director
Tel: 215-596-4077
Fax: 215-596-4072

The State Office is responsible for overseeing the Corporation's Americorps*VISTA program and the National Senior Corps programs, such as Retired and Senior Volunteers, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions. The Senior Corps programs provide volunteer opportunities for citizens age 55 and older.

17. **Community Service-Learning Institute**
Slippery Rock University
214 Spotts World Culture Building
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Contact: Alice Kaiser-Drobney
Tel: 412-738-2273
412-738-2188

The Community Service Learning Institute at Slippery Rock University was formed to promote the effective use of service learning methodology in schools, institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations. Activities of the Institute are in six general areas: 1) volunteer development, 2) professional development, 3) service learning curriculum design, 4) research and learning assessment, 5) on-going technical assistance, and 6) Kids that CARE programming.

18. **VYTAL - Volunteer Youth Training and Leadership**
c/o Camp Fire Boys and Girls
700 River Avenue, Suite 531
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Contact: John Riegert
Tel: 412-231-6004
Fax: 412-231-2798

VYTAL promotes and encourages positive youth development by mobilizing young people to give service in addressing and solving community problems in partnership with schools, community-based organizations, and their peers. VYTAL's goal is to assist community-based organizations, youth, and schools in acquiring the skills and resources needed to implement successful service learning programs.